

Our Bible

Both a book & a library
Book — diversity in Unity
A Library in the sense that it is a
Unity in diversity —

Covers different branches of
knowledge —

His to by

Politics

Poetry

Prophecy

Devotional Literature
and practical philosophy:

Proverbs

It is different - & distinct
from any other book
in the Bible —

Author

Book of Proverbs

by

Salomon

1:1

| Read

10:1

&

25:1

Sol — wrote 1005 songs

3000 proverbs

arranged in present form during
reign of Hezekiah — at which time
Ch 30 & 31 were appended.

"Proverb" - in English means a
brief saying in stead of
many words. Popular usage:
pithy saying - terse maxim.
Hebrew word has a broader
meaning - & is used of
many discourses, & expressions
which would not be classed as
proverbs today in English.

Explains why all in Book of Prov.
is strictly speaking not proverb.

Prov. - easy to remember -
does not argue - it assumes.
Purpose not to explain a
matter - but to give pointed
expression to it.

Prov. meant to be to our practical
life what Psalms are to our
devotional life.

Here are "Pointed precepts for
practical prudence"

Intro: Bible distinguishes 2 kinds
of wisdom -

1. W - of man, of this world
excellency of speech - enticing words.
It is earthly - sensual - & devilish -
coming to naught. *1 Cor 2: 1-7*
James 3: 13-18

2. W - That is from above -
pure - peaceable - gentle,
easy to be entreated of
demonstrated by the spirit
of power - *this is the Hebrew*
Wisdom of which Solomon
spoke - good for today -
It takes God into account
Recognizes man's deepest
needs -

No matter how smart man
gets he will never rise
above his need for this
wisdom & the leading of
God - if he is to evaluate
things in the light of
eternity - *- E.B.*

I

Fearing the Lord -

Prov. 1: 1-7
1st 9 Chs. of Proverbs
a little book in themselves
- extolling of Wisdom

(A) - Receiving wisdom
divine 20-5

W - is knowledge of divine
truth in both the head & the
heart. It includes a knowledge
of the right way which is to
be followed before God
& of the wrong one which
is to be shunned. It is
knowledge of what God requires
of us & of what we owe God.
Instruction - willing to be
instructed -

Humility - prerequisite for
true learning - child like attitude
of receiving is necessary -
if we are to learn - miss Heaven
by 18" - distance
between head
& heart -

v. 3 - The 3 nouns unfold
the meaning of "instruction
of wisdom."

Justice

righteousness - (that which is
in accord with the will of God)

Judgment: delivery of a
correct judgment on human
actions - honesty & fairplay in action

Egentry ~~rectitude~~ uprightness -
It is "to be" straight, even, right.
Wisdom teaches this sense
of integrity (2:9)

subtlety: root: "shrewd, sharp, crafty"
good sense - prudent, sagacious

discretion purpose & ingenuity
Wisdom ~~inspects~~ discretion -

(B) understanding + truth
Wisdom matures and blesses
Wise men listen to voice (5, 6,
of wisdom & increased learning

Prov 9: 9

Hebrew word for "learning" is
derived from root "to receive"
Same, will not receive -
but God expects us to help
others - simple

those easily led astray

✓ - 7 - "Fear of the Lord" - occurs 14 times
in Proverbs - prominent in O.T. - ~~and~~

Men had to be taught how odious sin was
to God - men learned - even after punishment - how
unable he was to keep the law - Gal 3: 10

John 1: 17

II

Trusting The Lord: 3: 4-8

A - Following Him 5, 6

Rest assured. Psa 55: 22

To lean upon one's own understanding is to lean upon a broken reed - Our own understanding is always human, partial & imperfect. We cannot trust it.

v6 - To recognize God's hand & leadership in little things of daily life - To do this we must keep in close touch with God ^{as well as his house}

Wisdom & Faith honor God - every phase of life
B - Tossaking evil 7, 8

negative: Beware of self-sufficiency, self-conceit. My attitude toward God is right - & we love Him - hate evil - (go together)
we must lean on something

nozel - considered center & most imp. part of body

marrow - means literally
"a refreshing" or "watering"
Job 21: 24
Prov. 17: 22

When people forsake Word of God -
expose themselves to every
type of sickness & evil

Today's world - reflects Gods Wisdom -
plagued by psychiatric ills -

Few Christians realize what a
healing ministry the Word of
God performs -

Psa 103:1-3

Psa 46:

5-12-68 Wisdom for Family Living

Prov. 4: 1-5; 20-23

6: 20-23

P.T. Eph. 6: 4

Key thought: "A happy family is
but an earthly heaven"
A nation is only as strong as
its families!

"What is the greatest family
problem in our time?"

Working mothers

T.V.

Lack of respect for (parental) Authority -

Sit ins - College rebellion -

Break down in Authority -

One of greatest threats to future of America
is the break down in family life
Family circle - around table
Family altar - almost a thing
of the past.

Family is the foundation of society
When foundation crumbles
whole building will tumble
being eaten by cancer

Egypt - Rome - Here we
in America are following
same path

History teaches us one thing - Nothing -

Present war?

Korea taught us nothing -
We will get out of this
one it seems at the
price of being humiliated
before every Nation in the
world.

We are asking for peace,
it seems - not Honor

Out of 21 previous civilizations
19 have fallen because of
materialism, socialism
and alcoholism - and
we could add the other
great nations first had
break down in home

Basis of sound family life
is for the father to be
head of home - as the
scripture says - Have
firm yet kind family
discipline -

David did not give such
advice to other sons -
Adonijah was not reprimanded
for disobedience -
Sol - son of Bathsheba
Why was he made king? God's grace

Salomon gives some wise
teaching here -

Prov. 4: 1-5

Hear - you children
instruction of a father
know understanding -
plea for obedience - To refuse
is anarchy in home
school - church - etc.

20-23

Attend: listen carefully

incline - bending toward
speaker - not to miss a word

Retain - hold them fast
in your heart

● Introduction - Ecclesiastes

Writer: Solomon -

Book - most mysterious in all Bible
It has been called the
"Sphinx of Hebrew literature"
- its unsolved riddles of
history & life -

Ecclesiastes is as up to date as
tomorrow's newspaper -

Search for meaning of life

● Today's characteristics - Painful
perplexity - anxiety -

Wrote "Songs of Songs"

"Song of Solomon"

when he was young - in fellowship
w/ Jehovah +

Eccel - when he was old -

wrote of his experiences at a
low spiritual ebb in his life -

● Inspiration

Revelation

5: $\frac{I}{1} - 3$

Reverence or Worship

● "Keep thy Foot" "Be careful of your conduct"

Liturgical church -
Conduct in some of our Protestant
& Baptist Churches -
more visiting with men 21: 12, 13
than worshipping of God - 18: 20

"Ready to hear" Inward attitudes
Keep thy mind, emotions,
feelings - Leave business at
home - This is a time of
worship -

"Fool" Disobedient men
outward - no inward heart -
attitude - no spiritual meaning
"I went to early church" - "my
duty is done" etc -

Hypocrisy today -

● Youth - Hippies - others -
rebellious against Hypocrisy -
we have to assume our share of the
responsibility -

5: 4-7

II

Honesty or Words

Vows to God should be made
after careful reflection -

No rash promises -
then they should be kept -

- a. Under social pressure today
to make promises we cannot keep
make public - what another
might think -
Quarries -

B. Piety in speech. 6, 7

Trust ^{III} or Wealth ^{5: 8-12}

A - In Divine Justice - 8, 9
Day of Judgment -
Reckoning

B - Not in Riches - 10-12
Material wealth Not the
answer -

Conclusion 12: 8-14

Are you satisfied?

Is God satisfied?

1st & 2nd Chpts = Intro - are prose -
Ch. 3 — 42:16 = Poetry.

42:7 - to end = Prose - facts about Job's
later life.

Book deals with specific
type of suffering. It answers
questions "why do the godly suffer?"
Here we see the experience of
a righteous man in learning
deliverance from himself.

*There is always a divine
purpose in the believers*

God never allows us to suffer
needlessly. Job had to learn
this and it took time -

One appropriate title would be:
"The Man Who Had to Die to Live"

There are 4 statements made about Job:
summarizes his qualities as
a man in the eyes of God:

1. He was said to be perfect:
(not sinless perfection) He
tried to please God. He was
sincere - not hypocritical.
Wealthy - because of his attitude
toward God.

2. Upright Man

3. He feared God - (Reverential trust)

4 - Man who shunned evil -

"Be ye therefore Perfect"

But none is
righteous

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The Lord Jesus Christ

98%

90%

80%

70%

ALL
have sinned and
come short of the
glory of God
Rom. 3: 23

"He hath whereof to glory, but
not before God"
Rom. 4: 2

Mark 1: 13

A certain minister used to say
that in the matter of temptation
people were divided into 6 classes:
All are tempted

The Tree

OF Knowledge

of good and evil

STANDS in the midst of
the garden where all paths meet.

Those who are tempted & resist
Playing c temptation
always in danger

Those who are tempted & resist
Those who fall, minds
stained, consciences
seared, names ruined

Those who have
fallen - now
others

Those who are tempted & fall

Those who are tempted & win

Those who are
tempted & resist

Those who are tempted &
overcome, finding victory
in Christ.

Those who are tempted
& overcome - now seek to
help others who are weak.

Temptation:

I Thers. 5: 22

Abstain from all appearance
of evil.

II Tim. 2: 22

Flee also youthful lusts: but
follow righteousness, faith,
love, peace, with them that
call on the Lord out of a
pure heart.

James 4: 7

Submit yourselves therefore
to God. Resist the devil,
and he will flee from you.

Hebrews 2: 18

For in that He himself hath
suffered being tempted, He is
able to succour them that
are tempted.

Hebrews 4: 14, 15, 16 —

Seeing then that

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LONGING FOR THE HOUSE OF GOD

Psalms 84: 1 - 12
Psalms 84; 121; 122

Greatest Psalm concerning the house of the Lord...
Companion Psalm to Psalms 42 and 43.

Psa. 84 composed at a time when the Temple was standing in Jerusalem and services and worship was maintained, but the writer for some reason was in exile. Greatest grief arose from the fact that he was separated from "the courts of the Lord,"... most ardent desire for himself was to return to the enjoyment of their privileges.

AMIALE...translated "lovely"

Psalmist stirred by intense emotion as he thinks of this lovely and lovable place....PSA. 26:8
David even at a distance rejoiced in the memory of the sacred place.

The Sanctuary of Jehovah was lovely for several reasons:

1. It was lovely because it was Jehovah's sanctuary.
Place of Jehovah's dwelling...manifest glory of Jehovah...where His glory could be seen in reflection where His voice could be heard...Jehovah was present there.....His voice today through His Word... Holy Spirit should be present.....

2. It was lovely because it was the place of Holy communion. EXODUS 25:22...The will of Jehovah was made known within its sacred walls...the believing Israelite could have communion with a holy God... The presence of God was realized and enjoyed...What a blessed privilege to be able to attend the church of the living God.

3. Lovely because it was the place of prayer and praise... Penitent could weep over his sins....

Grateful heart could pour out its joy and thankfulness to God in hymns of praise.....remembering His goodness and mercy to them... Place of joy, gladness, praise and thanksgiving.

Psa. 84: 2... These words express the very deepest longing imaginable... strength almost spend... it was that kind of longing which God never denies when it seeks for that which is in accordance with His gracious will. Oh, for more of the holy longing of the Psalmist!!!!!!

The Psalmist cried out for the living God more than anything else

What a beautiful spirit and attitude this reveals...

When we are in fellowship with the Lord, we too will desire to meet and commune with Him.... will be a heart yearning to be in the presence of the Lord and to enjoy sweet fellowship with Him.

Also be a real desire to meet with God's people in the place of service and prayer. Those who are in fellowship with the Lord DO NOT NEED TO BE COAXED AND COERCED TO ATTEND THE ASSEMBLY OF THE SAINTS.

Oh, for more love for the Lord, which will express itself in a longing desire for His blessed presence. Psa. 16:11

THE HAPPINESS OF THOSE WHO DWELL IN GOD'S HOUSE...

84: 3,4

David remembered his days in the Temple... He had many times watched the little birds building their nests in the nooks and crannies of the Courts. Birds singing with the Israelites as they sang the hymns of praise.

The Psalmist envied the privilege of the little birds which built ~~their~~ nests within the precincts of the Temple... the swallows whose nests were built under the eaves of the priests' houses, who there found a place for their young, as well as for themselves...

1. Gold — Royalty

Frankincense — Devinity

Myrrh — He must die

No myrrh mentioned with ~~the~~
kingship Isa. 60: 6

Easter Sun

4-14-63

Mark 15: 42 - 47 Entombment of Jesus

1. Baldness of Joseph of Arimathea -

2. Pilate learns from the Centurion that Jesus is dead & gives His body to Joseph -

3. Joseph prepares the body of Jesus for burial - lays it in a new sepulcher, in the garden (near Golgotha)

Nicodemus came also with spices!

John 19: 39, 40

The two Marys - Matt 27: 61

Devoted women tenderly watched over their Master to the last. Neither of them had any hope of the Resurrection - of the Lord.

Isa 53: 9 prophecy -

Visit of the Women to the Tomb!

The Sabbath here means the weekly Jewish Sabbath. Ended Sat. at sunset.

"When the Sabbath was passed"
3 nights & 3 days from the Preparation day.

Women came to court today
of course - were on to
last of love & devotion to
the Lord. Their love was not
practical - they had not
understood what Christ had
said about loving the third

day. They came early in the
morning - John 20:1 tells
us many women found while
it was still dark. The other
women reached the tomb at
early dawn, after the
sun had risen -

the time is not important
but it occurred in the morning
it was the first day of the week
the first day of the week
was found simply. All
commemorate the fact
that the tomb of our Lord
was found empty. All
day on the first day of
the week - Jewish Sabbath came to an
end with the death
Christ - first day of the week

introduced a new dispensation
— the dispensation of Grace.
Perplexity of the women as they
go along & as to how they will
roll the stone away! -!

Obviously ignorant of the fact that
the tomb had been sealed by Pilate
& guarded by Roman soldiers —
they might not have started for the
tomb had they known this.

Their joy was all the greater
when they found their Lord had
risen — the stone had been
rolled away — angel of the Lord —
Matt 28: 1 Angel did not have
to roll away the stone in order
that Christ might go out — but
to give proof & evidence that
Christ was not there — the
tomb was empty.

Jesus was delivered out of death
in order that His body should
not see corruption — Psalms 16: 8-11
Acts 2: 25-31

The Resurrection Proclaimed to the Women!

message of the angel:

1. The angel urged the women not to fear nor to be amazed!
He had comfort & cheer for them.

2. He knew why they had come.

3. Angel recognized & acknowledged that Christ had been crucified but it was as if they were thinking too much of the crucifixion and that was past.

Had not right to be so deeply engrossed in that fact that they could not grasp the fact of His resurrection -

4. Angel proclaimed the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

5. Invited the women to look at the place where He had lain.

Claims of Christ were substantiated ~~on~~ the 3rd day after

This crucifixion

The Women sent as Messengers
Do not tarry - go tell His
disciples - **and Peter!** that He
goeth before you into Galilee -
there shall ye see Him as He
told you He would -

The disciples needed this message
and especially Peter

Peter was so sure he would
never deny the Lord - Peter
was so impetuous - he cut off
ear of enemy soldier -
motivation was right but method
was all wrong. (Same like us
he was). ~~How gracious & kind was the Lord~~

Then Peter denied Lord 3 times
with an oath! He was the most
miserable of all the disciples

How gracious & kind was
our Lord - to send this message
and call Peter by name!

The women were commissioned
to tell all the disciples -
to meet Him in Galilee - also it
was a gentle rebuke to them for their
unbelief - Had they believed they

would not have been filled with sorrow! "Moody" Some day you will read that I am dead - don't you believe it's more alive than ever, just gone higher. ^{that term of flesh may die but term of spirit lives on.}
How Can The Squealed Proclaim a living Christ?

1. Spoken Word
2. Spiritual living
3. Service unto Christ
4. Worship of Christ

Have you ever looked at the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ through the open tomb? Have you ever gone back to Calvary, away of the resurrection? Cross of Christ not climax but a great episode that led to the much greater event of the resurrection & all that followed.

Cross through open tomb -

1. Past sin - our sin nailed him to cross.
- * 2. We have a living Saviour - of our present daily life.
3. Guarantees our future hope - loved ones gone?

McDonald - Pilot gone down - Hope? 720

* When the cross is truly seen through the open tomb, we can be sure of victory in our risen Saviour, amid the problems of daily life. God can tame our tongues; He can give us a word of grace instead of words of criticism. God can make us long-suffering instead of short-tempered. In all these things we can be more than conquerors through Him who loved us. Or do we prefer defeat? *as we prefer our nature prevail* Paul sums it up in that verse so well known but so little practiced: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me..Gal. 2:20."

Walking after the Lord is the true explanation of what it means to take up our Cross and follow Him.. There is a common misconception of bearing a cross. For example, a mother once told me that she had a very heavy cross to bear: her son was in prison. That was not a cross, that was a personal tragedy. Another woman said that her cross was a cancer. That was not a cross, that was a disease. The only cross in the Bible is the cross of Jesus Christ. When the believer is told to deny self, take up his Cross daily, and follow Christ (Luke 9: 23) what does this mean? He must count himself as crucified with Christ (Gal.2:20) he must continually yield his old nature to the Holy Spirit for crucifixion. (Rom.8:13) In taking up the Cross, he is taking up the likeness to Christ's sufferings. When Christ was reviled, He reviled not again: when He suffered, He threatened not, but committed Himself unto Him who judges righteously (1 Peter 2:23) To this life we were called and it is specifically stated that for this type of life Christ set the example and that we are to ~~fix~~ follow His steps.

Amos 3:3... He tells us that the rendezvous for our walk with the Lord begins at the Cross of Jesus Christ. If one person says we will meet at the seashore.. and the other says we will meet in the city," there will be no walk. We are told of only two men in the Bible who walked with the Lord,... Enoch and Noah. Beyond any doubt the characteristics in the lives of these two men that won such praise from God was their willingness to oppose godlessness of their generation and to warn men that the judgment of God would destroy them.

Dr. Barnhouse

Positive Proofs of Resurrection of Jesus -

1. Emmaus Road - First public appearance after resurrection - To women - the cemetery
2. Upper room - 10 disciples present, (Thomas not there)
3. Eight days later - Thomas present with disciples - his doubt removed -

Fishing of the disciples - Jesus on shore - had breakfast ready -

We preach the gospel to every creature under heaven & say "Look unto Jesus & be ye saved." That gospel is like a fan that drives away the chaff & leaves the wheat. It removes the worthless & reveals the precious. We discover before long the elect of God by their conduct and their conversation, which have been transformed by the convicting power of the Holy Spirit.

The choice of a "man of God" is based upon what God sees in a heart of response to His love. I would wish that some folk who are so positive of their salvation would condescend some time to examine themselves by the Scriptural qualifications. Of course we must never doubt the Word of God or His promises, but the question is, "Is my confidence that I am God's own well founded? Is there any evidence of it in my life? What is my response to His love and grace?"

Are you afraid to go back to the foundation with David and say "Search me, O God.... and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" Psalm 139: 23, 24? If you go on through life blindly confident but never examining your own heart, that is a token of delusion....you are believing something that is not true.

You and I become assured of our
own election by the witness
of the Holy Spirit with our
spirit that we are indged the
children of God, we have a new
heart, a new creation in Christ
Jesus, far from perfect &
yet by His grace, hungry
for the Lord. Thus we
know that our names are
written in the Book of Life.

Have full assurance of your
salvation because of what Christ
did - But -
distinguish between presumption
and assurance.

This lesson is one of the most famous passages in all prophetic literature.... For simplicity of statement...forcefulness of emphasis... for insight into the truer.. nature of relationship to God.. it is unsurpassed

Micah - 3 sections - ea. begins with "Hear!"
God Reads - after listing their sins -

Warns -
Prophecies things to come
Promises blessings to come -

TODAY'S KEY WORD IN NEGOTIATIONS....."COMPROMISE"
Labor-management talks....diplomatic conf....
Youth militant and THE ESTABLISHMENT....

compromise...give in here and there or stale-
mate....
OUR DEALINGS WITH GOD.... He never gives in for H
He makes no mistakes or errors and does not need
to give in to men....WE NEED HIM but He can
work without us....THEREFORE we must go HIS
WAY or suffer the consequences..

AIM: HELP STUDENTS KNOW GOD'S REQUIREMENTS
FOR THEIR BEHAVIOR.

Necessity for conforming to God's will
in their relationships to Him and their fellowmen

APPLICATION: practice JUSTICE.. MERCY..HUMILITY
IN THEIR LIVES....

GOD OPPOSES EVIL IN ALL FORMS....HE UNDERSTANDS
WHAT LEADS MEN TO SIN..L..HE ACCEPTS NO ESCUSES..

THERE COMES A TIME WHEN GOD'S PATIENCE IS AT
AN END ... AS IN THIS LESSON AND HE PRESENTS
HIS CASE AGAINST MEN....

Parents... children..... build up to a
woodshed experience....

COURT ROOM SCENE....

GOD JUDGE
Mountains and hills..... WITNESSES

ISRAELITS..... defendants....

NO JURY OR PROSECUTOR...THE LORD TAKES THEIR PLACE.

MICAH: CALLS the court to order

You may state your case before the mountains and the hills..... AFTER GOD HAS FINISHED WHAT HE HAS TO SAY.

(MICAH 6: 1 - 5) *Read Isa. 1: 1-6*

Vs 4m 5.. "MY" people, what have I done.. ?"

(Why did God condescend to state His case against Israel in the first place????(He loved Israel...saved before too late)

Isa. 1: 1-6 ISA. 1: 1 - 7 presents the Lord..similar role..

~~ISRAEL'S FIRST REPLY~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~

HILLS..... MOUNTAINS... FOUNDATIONS OF EARTH...

WHY were MOSES AARON MIRIAM mentioned

He had sent them great leadership.....

MOSES ...lawgiver and leader of the nation

God said "Faithful in all the Lord's house"

AARON ... highpriest... prayed for the people..

bearing the 12 tribes of Israel upon his

shoulders as he went in to minister before the Lord in the tabernacle..Ex.28:9-12

MIRIAM Prophetess...example to the women..

lead the female chorus in the song of Moses

Ex. 15: 20...21

THE PEOPLE: vs 6, 7 They have 3 specific questions.. if increasing intensity:

Now CAN I PLEASE JEHOVAH...

1. In ordinary sacrifices of calves v 6 ?
- 2...In sacrifices extraordinary in AMOUNT..v 7 ?
- 3 - In sacrifice so extraordinary in nature as to be violation of the law of Moses...I E of the firstborn? v 7

Pretend to be Confused - Isa

Such false reasoning .. result of.. minds
that have become corrupted by idolatry.....

1. Pretend to be Confused

2. God too hard to please -

3. Rather give up their Jewish Law
than give Him their heart.

THE LORD'S REQUIREMENT:

V 8

Ignorance no excuse... in secular courts...
or realm of the Spiritual....

(local court...exceed speed limit??? Ex. NO. Car

(Sorry! \$15.00. please.. cash.. no checks..)

God deals with you personally.

1. Do justly

Show mercy... in every situation...

Walk humbly with God....fellowship with Him..

PRIDE..SELF is reigning in heartl ...

READ:

Deut. 10: 12, 13... 30: 11 - 15

What can you do to help your students...????

Teach them not to be ignorant of Satan's

devices.... He has many ~~tricks~~ *tricks* ~~time~~ ~~for two~~

1.. Use our energy on unimportant activities...

not sinful IN themselves - but unimportant

2. Keep God's people so busy with some programs
that they have no time to PRAY or get alone
with the Lord...THE STRENGTH OF OUR SPIRITUAL
LIFE IS OUR PERSONAL COMMUNION WITH THE LORD.

3. TO LURE THEM AWAY FROM GOD'S WORD..

Time for family altar ???? Satan says.. "Too
tired. wait until morning" AM... "Late for
work..." Phone rings... children get in a

fight... something else goes wrong.....

All manner of interruptions...

IF SATAN CAN CAUSE US TO HAVE BROKEN FELLOWSHIP
WITH THE LORD, HE KNOWS HE HAS GAINED A VICTORY

WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE FAIL TO PRAY AND HAVE
COMMUNION WITH THE LORD, THEY BECOME EASY TARGET
FOR THE FIERY DARTS OF SATAN...

The Coming Messianic Kingdom -

Isa. 2: 2-4

9: 2-7

11: 1-10

The Capital of the Kingdom

I a - Jerusalem will be the religious
Capital of the earth - 2: 2a

Isa. 2: 35

and b - the spiritual center of
the earth

~~Joel 2: 28-32~~

I Cor. 15: 8-11 - Paul's con-
version example of
Nation's conversion

Isa. 11: 9

c - the focal point of millennial
kingdom ^{and} Isa 2: 3a

d - God's Word will be revealed
from Jerusalem 2: 3b

~~Joel 2: 28-~~

~~Zechar. 8: 20-23~~

Isa 9: 2

The King of the Kingdom

The King will appear as
the great light 9: 2

Great benefactor 9: 3

Great Liberator: 9: 4-5

Great Lord ~~Immanuel~~
9: 6 a

Incarnation -

deity

The Government of the
Kingdom

Christ will be the Head

Prosperous - peaceful
righteous & eternal

Sure & certain 9: 7

New Life In Christ

II Cor. 5: 17-21

Matth. 5: 3-9

Luke 19: 1-10 | Rom. 8: 1-9

● Salvation is by faith —

O.T. believers were regenerated and justified before God by faith — same as N.T. saints

God's method of salvation has been the same in all ages.

Jesus said "I came that ye might have life & that ye might have it more abundantly" — Since Jesus fulfilled and completed plan of salvation — paying in full for our redemption and rose from dead — *made* we have the ~~the~~ *most* privileged privilege of enjoying the fullness of resurrection ~~power~~ *in* Spirit-filled living.

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The Basis of the New Life - II Cor. 5: 17

II
The Ministry of the New Life, 2 Cor. 5: 18-21

III
The Manifestation of the New Life, Matth 5: 3-9

I Basis - is our position in Christ.
2 Cor. 5: 17 -

I Cor. 15: 21-22
Rom. 6: 3-4
Gal. 3: 26-27

Two Positions exist for all Humanity
"In Adam" "In Christ"

all unsaved humanity in
its lost state -
alienated from God -
Under penalty of
spiritual death &
eternal separation
from God, and the
redeemed of all
ages -

all who have trusted
in Christ's redemptive
sacrifice -
Regenerated and placed
by the Holy Spirit
in union & fellowship
with Jesus Christ -
Saved from sin -
Restored to fellow-
ship & God -
Freed from penalty
of sin & death -

Our position in the new creation
all believers - "in Christ" - and all
who are "in Christ" are "new creatures"
in the individual sense - and
make up the "new creation" in
the corporate sense.

The new creation in
the corporate sense is the Church -
the body - which is united to
the risen Christ -

The believer - the individual
a new creature - Eph. 2: 10

Rev 3:20 - Key which opens the door
into the holy & blessed realm of prayer.

"To pray is to let Jesus come into
our hearts"

It is Jesus ^{who} moves us to pray. He knocks.
Our prayers are a result of Jesus' knocking
at our hearts door -

new light upon the old
prophetic passages -

"(Isa 65:24)" Before they call -
- ans - while they are yet speaking, I
will hear" -

"If any man open the door, I will
Come in to him."

It is not our prayer which draws
Jesus into our hearts. Nor is it our
prayer that moves Jesus to Come
in to us - **all He needs is access.**
He enters in wherever He is not denied
admittance. He enters quietly into
our hearts & does His blessed work there

He calls it **"sup with us"**

To pray is nothing more involved than
to let Jesus into our needs - let Him
use His power to help us in our
distress - let Him glorify His Name
in the midst of our needs -

"To pray is nothing more involved than to open
the door giving Jesus access to our needs
and permitting Him to exercise His own

powers in dealing with them" -

Prayer is something deeper than words. It is present in the soul before it has been formulated in words - And it abides in the soul after the last words of prayer have passed over our lips -

Prayer is an attitude of our hearts, an attitude of mind - a definite attitude of our hearts toward God. What is this attitude of heart which God recognizes as prayer? -

± Helplessness -

"A humble & contrite heart knows that it can merit nothing before God - and that all that is necessary is to be reconciled to one's helplessness & let our holy and almighty God care for us - just as an infant surrenders himself to his mother's care"

We sometimes slip away. (Pg 25)

^uPeace of God disappears from our lives when worldliness & slothfulness & lack of spiritual interest begin to choke our spiritual lives. Sin gains the victory again in our lives, so

Then God has to make us humble
and contrite of heart - reconciled to
being a helpless sinner, who can
do nothing but let God have mercy
on us and to love us & care for
us -

2- Faith - Heb 11: 6

~~only~~ Without faith our helplessness would be
a vain cry in the night -

Matt. 21: 21, 22

John 11: 40

Matt 8: 13

Pg 28-29

James 1: 6-8

Do you doubt your faith?
The essence of faith is to come
to Christ -

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What is Unique About Our Faith?

1. Why is the Christian faith unique?
2. Why is God's revelation unique?
3. Which aspects of Christ's person and work are unique?
4. In what character did Paul present the true God of the Athenians?

Oct 11

New Life In Christ

1. What does the phrase "in Christ" denote?
 2. How does it relate to the new creation? To Christian living?
 3. How is a Christian an ambassador?
- What is it to be "poor in spirit?"

Oct 18

Studying The Bible

1. How is the Bible to be studied?
2. How should Bible study affect soul winning and missionary work?
3. How does Bible study slow down apostasy?

4. What are some beneficial results from Bible study?

Oct 25

Growing Through Prayer

1. What place does prayer have in the Bible? In our Lord's life?
2. What is model praying based upon?
3. What illustration did Jesus use to encourage believers to pray?
4. How does the illustration increase our faith?

Nov. 1

Living in Christian Fellowship

1. What is the basis of Christian Fellowship -
2. How does Fellowship with Christ affect our attitude toward ourselves?
- 3 - How is self-conceit to be avoided?
- 4 - How does Fellowship with Christ relate to the law of sowing and reaping?

Think!

- a. What high privilege did Adam and Eve lose when they disobeyed God? (Gen. 3: 8)
- b. Who was the patriarch who walked with God in fellowship. (Gen. 5: 24)
- c. What does the prophet Amos say is an absolute essential of fellowship with God? Amos 3: 3

⑤ With whom has the
believer real fellowship?
I John 1: 3

6- If we would fellowship
with ^{the} God who is light,
what must we do?
what will this require?

I John 1: 7 - 2: 28

7- If we would fellowship
with the God who is righteous,
what must we do?

I John 2: 29 - 4: 6

Nov. 8

Growing Through Worship

- How does worship promote spiritual growth?
- 2- What is the vision of God and how is it connected with worship?
 - 3- How is confession of sin connected with worship?

Nov. 15

Growing Through Giving

- 1- Why are believers to present their bodies to ~~Christ~~ God?
- 2- What is the spirit in which this presentation is to be made?
- 3- Why is it important for Christians to give of their material substance?
- 4- How are they to give?

May 20-71

May 9... Hosea 4: 1 - 6 and Hosea 7....
we had a lesson about "GOD'S CONTROVERSY
WITH ISRAEL'S LEADERS."....

Today: " GOD REQUIRES ECONOMIC JUSTICE."

May 20
MICAH (name means "Who is like the Lord?"
contemporary of Isaiah... but his background
was different from Isa. God uses these with
humble background....

Mi. 2: 1 "Sins that begin in one's thoughts
and heart eventually become sins of conduct.

Micah 3: 1... Dan. 2: 20 - 21
Whether men realize it or not, God definitely
has His hand in human government....

I Mi. 2: 3....If God is holy, how can He be
the author of "evil"? Isa. 45: 7; Jer. 44: 15

Hab. 1: 13

II. Does the Bible support the repeal of
capital punishment laws? Gen. 9: 6;
Rom. 12: 18; 13: 1,4

III Should Christian witness as government
officials? Gen. 41: 39 - 40;
Dan. 6: 3.

IV...Why does God put so much value on a
single human being? Gen. 1: 27;
Matt. 10: 29 - 31

V... Class....How can a believer begin to
be "conformed" to Christ's likeness in
the present life?

Rom 8: 29; 12: 1, 2

Phil. 4: 8

Where do all sins begin... Matt. 15: 19

Then where must "restoration" begin?
"Salvation" ..in the heart..

Notice carefully, especially those of you to whom God has said "No", that there is nothing your soul can ever need but is covered by a promise from the Word of God. But you will never have even one of them until you rest in the Lord and claim them."

READ Hebrews 4: 16

"Thinking About God" (First of 13 Lessons)

The God of the Bible is being denied today as never before... men have always denied His existence...but TODAY many of the denials are being uttered by religious people...clergymen and theologians...the very ones who should be promoting God and His cause are the ones who are proclaiming His death....

Amos 11 God does not have to prove His existence... His work and existence are everywhere and are evident in the pages of the Bible.... The very first phrase of the Bible is the most profound and sublime of them all..."In the BEGINNING GOD" Likewise...Heb. 11:6 "HE THAT COMETH TO GO GOD MUST BELIEVE THAT HE IS."

Amos 11 Today's lesson introduces us to Old and New Test. saints, who not only thought about God but who also found Him to be adequate for every need of their lives.... His dealings with men in the practical experiences of life....

A DESIRE FOR GOD.... PSA. 42 and 43.... These two poems are very closely related in content and style ... DAVID was lonely for the place of worship... probably in exile during the time of his son Absalom's rebellion (II Sam. 15 - 17...) David wrote out of human experience... he confessed his loneliness and desire for God...

42: 1 - 5: The nature of his longing.... *Read*

42: 6 - 11 The Depths of His Despair.

43: 1 - 5 THE PRAYER FOR HIS RESTORATION...
two desires: freedom from persecution...

and the desire to go to the Temple.....
the repetition .. echoes a confident hope that
God will answer his prayer...

II A DENIAL AND DEFENSE OF GOD....

Psa. 53...(another version of Psa. 14)

THE JUDGMENT FOR DENYING GOD.....

The depravity of the fool..... NO GOD
God does not enter into his thinking... corrupt.
abominable.. and filthy....

4 & 6..Corruption of the priesthood... No Knowledge.
perhaps the priests... who eat the shewbread and
should call upon God.. Instead they have become
workers of iniquity

They have shamed.... they have laughed at the
poor whose only refuge is in God's providence...

PSALM 139 (7)

THE PERSONAL CONCERN OF GOD...

1 - 6 The Omniscience of God..."

The Psalmist is convinced by experience that
God knows everything about him. He realizes
that God's perfect knowledge goes behind his
individual acts to his motives and purposes.
While he stands in awe at his own understanding
of divine omniscience, he knows that full com-
prehension is beyond human understanding..

7 - 12 The Omnipresence of God"

By two questions the psalmist shows that he can
never move beyond the reach of God's personal
concern. He does not contemplate trying to do
so, but uses this method of presenting his
thoughts. The 4 suppositions that follow express
the extremes of the universe and reinforce his
basic premise.

13 - 18 The Foreknowledge of God..

wonderful way he was created: way God knew all

19 - 24 The problem of Evil going on.

III A DECLARATION OF GOD...

Acts 17: 22 - 23

22. Mars' Hill. Paul standing in the midst... point of contact... I observe that you are very religious.

DEVOTIONS..."Objects of worship"

In their religious zeal they did not wish to omit from their worship any deity with whom they might not be acquainted.

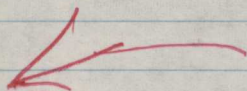
Paul stated that there was indeed one whom they did not know, and this one he would declare to them.

Religious - Not
Sincere - OK - enough
must be right

No God

Just be gone

David - Thirst after only true God



Rush McDonald - young preacher - felt compelled to join Services of Country - WWII - Air Force Pilot - asked Arent Youngblood up there - among enemy - He quoted Psalms 139: 7 & 12

Matt & John = were disciples of Lord Jesus -
also were apostles - members / inner circle
eye witnesses

Luke - a physician (Col. 4: 14)

gives a great many details -
one would expect a doctor to be
concerned c details.

Matt - stresses his kingly role
Mark - ^{Judean Jew - friend of Peter} presents Jesus as a Servant
John - tells us that he is the Son of God -

Luke - longest of the 4 gospels -
portrays Christ as the Son of Man
Perfect humanity of Christ.

often referred to in Luke

Acts - a continuation of gospel
of Luke.

Luke 1: 1-4 & Acts 1: 1-2
Luke - a companion of Paul -
Col. 4: 14 II Tim. 4: 11

Luke 1: 1-4 Sets forth his credentials.
From human side, he was well
Qualified for his task.

We also have good news to
herald -

Luke Tells The Good news -

Luke - The Gospel For the Greek.

Lord presented to 3 classes
of ~~that~~ day - according to their
needs and characteristics:
The Jew - Roman and Greek:

Greek intellectual work of world
has been done by descendants
of Japheth - to which the
Greeks belonged -

The Greek attempted to create the
perfect man by mental
processes. Given to world
grandest models of beauty
and thought that unaided human
mind has ever produced

Man to him was dearer
than all things physical
so than emperors & the
world itself.

He created his gods in the
likeness of man.

The Greek was a universal
man - could come into
sympathetic relations with
man as man.

The Jew & Roman by nature
exclusive -

Jew - fraternize only
those who come from Abraham
received the prophets.

Roman - respected only
those who wielded power in
the empire, or was born to a
place in the empire.

Full-grown Jew was a Pharisee
" " Roman " " Caesar -
But the

Full-grown Greek was a world man
He could meet all the world
on the common platform
of humanity - as the Jew
& Roman could not.

Luke presented Jesus to the Greeks
in these two characteristics -
His perfection and universality.

Jesus not presented as the Jewish
messiah, the fulfillment of
prophecy - He is not
almighty Power - the World
Conqueror - But
the Perfect

the Universal Man.

See Why Luke carries his
Genealogy back to Seth

Matt stopped at Abraham -
but Luke carries it back even
to Adam - leaving in the
mind of the Greek not the
Son of Abraham - But
The Son of Adam -
The Son of Man
The Saviour of all mankind =
to satisfy the Greek -
Jesus must appear as
World man in his
redeeming work.

Luke presents him in this
world wide aspect -
work of the Divine man
for the Jewish World and
for the Gentile world -
embracing in his
saving grace all of
humanity -

To this need is the outstanding
fact of Luke's Gospel.

Background: Pg 5 - EVD =

"Forasmuch as" used only here in the N.T. — emphasizes *definiteness*

"Many" have written on the life of Christ.
v. 1 — J = more than two —

Johans gospel not yet written —

Exaltation Because of the Birth of Christ - Luke 2:13 - 14
"host" - a military term used for a band of soldiers -
The heavenly army announced the greatest news
the world has ever heard - Heb. 1:7

"Praising God" means honoring God. The Redeemer
had come - why should they not sing - Why should
we not sing to glorify God!

2:14 - God manifest in the flesh - I Tim. 3:16
declared God to man - John 1:18
Col. 2:9

Peace - "Prince of peace" - Isa. 9:6

"with
of God

Good news - Concerns a Person. The Lord Jesus Christ.
His birth - Sabs. death - and resurrection -

Gal. 4: 4-5 "Fullness of time"

prophesied in Dan. 9: 25

Anna & Simeon knew the times had come - They were waiting in the temple - (Luke 2: 25-38)

after 400 silent years (the voices of the prophets had been silent)

Reason for Joy: 2: 8-12

Because: 1. Separation from God had been bridged.

2. Promises of OT fulfilled - Gen. 3: 15

12: 1-3

Micah 5: 2

49: 10

Now the Messiah - who was to be Israel's glory and world's only hope - had come -

3. Our Lord - Bethlehem - came as a

Saviour.

Gen. 18 - Sodom -

Ex. 19 - Sinai ^{lightning} thundering

1-11 4. Babe born manger is Lord -

Lord - refers to Jehovah - the one God.

Our Saviour is Christ - God - Jehovah.

The God who made us - and against whom we have offended - has come down from heaven and taken upon himself man's nature (without sin) that He might save us.

~~Recipients of Joy~~ 2: 8-12

~~The Shepherds~~

with King - Herod trembles -

Magi offer regal gifts - gold, F.M.

Myrrh - spice used for dead

Isa 60: 6

Gal. 4:4-5

~~Gen. 3:17~~

Isaiah 16:4

Isaiah 5:2

Gen 49:10

Luke 2:4

Luke 9:32

light

Acts 22:11

1 Cor. 15:41

~~glory~~ =

Luke 2:9

(1-3)

(all people)

Luke 2:10

Gen. 12:3

Luke 2:11 (Promise fulfilled)

Gen 3:15

Isa 9:6

Woe - Cane -

was born

a sign given to shepherds

Luke 2:12

I Sam. 17:12

Luke 2:4

Gen 3:15

Isa. 9:6

Micah 5:2

Gen 12:3

contemporary
700 yrs before birth.

Q Sam.

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Luke 2:10-12

Dec. 9: 1, 2

Dec 41: 8, 9

" 42: 6

" 52: 10

June 1: 79

June 1: 54, 55

June 2: 32

" 2: 30, 31

June 2:

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Jesus Overcomes Temptation -
Luke 3: 21-22 6:15-22
" 4: 1-15

Why Jesus was baptized?

See. Matt. 3: 13-15 Note #1, 2, 4, 3
See page 2 -

Baptism of Jesus by John Baptist -

● It was His pledge to go to the cross and die for sinners. He knew He was not a sinner - but He took His place with them - ~~to pledge~~ to pledge Himself to fulfill every righteous demand of the throne of God on their behalf - He went to the cross & died for you and me
Done / sempiternal of security and
harmlessness -

● Holy Spirit made a visible appearance / added to a audible voice from Heaven - 3:22
Three Persons of Godhead
present at Baptism of Jesus
1. Did not hymn Son of God at His Baptism
Jesus did know what He had come to do from the beginning -
2. Did not suddenly realize His role as the Messiah when He was baptized.
These spectacular events were not for His benefit -

● They were for John -
and the people before whom John was to minister - God the Father's voice from Heaven - God the Father's testimony of His approval of His Son -

Temptation: two senses: 1. Solicitation to evil as in Gen. 3:1-6 Matt. 4:1
2nd: Testing under trial as Gen. 22:1
Luke 22:28

Satan solicits to evil —

God tests under trial —

Luke 4:1-13 *Note these things:*

1. Full of the Holy Spirit & led by Holy Spirit
2. He had a prolonged temptation (v2)
Spiritual food gives strength to resist temptation — *Jesus had spiritual food*

3. Temptation is 3 fold — only ways temptation can come to man — lust of flesh
lust of eyes — pride of life —
I John 2:16

4. Satan's object — get Christ to act independently of God — object in tempting Eve — God's children always —

5. Jesus defeated Satan — intelligent use of the Word —
Numbest fellow can use same method —

Eph. 6:17

6. Jesus was tempted on all points
Heb. 4:15
Jesus knows all about our temptations —

7 - His temptation necessary -
Heb. 2: 17, 18

Rom. 5: 12 - 21
I Cor 15: 20 - 22
45 - 49

8 - Eph 6: 12 } God has provided
I Peter 5: 8 } a way I Cor. 10: 13

9. How to meet temptations
(along scriptures)
Put on whole armor of God
Eph. 6: 11, 13 - 17

Pray Eph. 6: 18 Mark 14: 38
Hide God's Word - Ps 119: 11

Resist devil James 4: 7

Unworthy conduct - negative influence

II Cor. 6: 3 -

"I might have been a Christian if I had not met so many people who said they were"

"You can't tell by the honk of the horn how much gas there is in the tank" on the other hand if your life is lightening your words will be thunder -

We are the only Bible a careless world will read;

We are the sinners gospel; we are the scoffer's creed;

We are the Lord's last message, given in ~~in word or deed or word~~

What if the type is crooked; what if the print is blurred?

Christian liberty I Cor. 8: 9-11

I Cor. 10: 31

Waste your time? Going places doing things not becoming a Christian? - Waste

your influence? Sowed magic but lose reward

II Cor. 5: 10 - spoken to believers -

I Cor 3: 14, 15 To the

The Sermon On The Mount —

Matt. 5:

The most obvious feature of the life of the Christian Church today is, alas - its superficiality -

What is caused by this!

1- Our attitude to the Bible -

Our failure to take it seriously -

Our failure to take it as it is and allow it to speak to us -

"There is nothing more important in the Christian life than the way we approach the Bible and the way in which we read it"

This our textbook - our only source - our only authority -

"We know nothing about God. and about the Christian life in a true sense apart from the Bible."

Christ was preaching - and teaching these men - (disciples) what to do in this world - while He was here -

and after He was gone - He was preached to people who were to practice it at that time and ever afterwards.

All these teachings ^{are} found in the Epistles - and they are for us today

If we try to practice the Sermon on Mount the
more shall we experience blessings -

First - "Blessed" Happy

"Poor in spirit" etc - (Not financial)

This came first - not by accident but our Lord Christ evidently had a spiritual sequence in mind -

This Beatitude must come first - no one is in the kingdom of God who is not poor in spirit
fundamental characteristic of the Christian
All other characteristics are in a sense the result of this one -

It really means an emptying - while the others are a manifestation of a fulness. We cannot be filled until we are empty.

Jesus - the God-Man - gave us the perfect illustration John 14:10
Watch the prayer life of Jesus - and see his reliance upon God -

Poor in spirit - then means:

Complete absence of pride -
Complete absence of self-assurance and self-reliance

A consciousness - we are nothing in the presence of God.

This nothing that we:

Can produce - or
that we can do ourselves - Be aware that:- as we come face to face with God - be aware of our utter nothingness.
That is to be "poor in spirit"

How do you become "poor in spirit"?

Do not look at yourself —
Look at God —

Read His Book — about Him

Read His Law —

See what He expects of us —

Realize our much sin before Him.

Look at the Lord Jesus Christ —

see Him in the Gospels —

Remember

No one can live the Sermon on
the Mount in & of himself.
and unaided —

It is spiritual and our
spirituality comes from
God —

Second Beatitude - 5: 4

"Blessed Are They That Mourn"

(World:- pleasure - seen
from mourning in any form)
Gospel says:

"Happy are they that mourn"
They are the only
ones who are happy -
(Not natural sense - of loss of a
loved one) This is

spiritual mourning

no record - Jesus ever laughed !?
He was angry - He wept (Gave Lazarus -
over Jerusalem -

He suffered from hunger & thirst
(of laughter - no record)
Isaiah 53 - "man of sorrows & acquainted
with grief"
Paul 2 Cor. 5: 1-4

" writes to Timothy & Titus - to tell
them how to teach others -
aged - sober - grave - temperate -
young men - "sober minded"

To mourn must of necessity follow
poor in spirit -

Mourn for our weaknesses,
our sins - when we see
ourselves as we really are
before God - do we really bemoan
the way we are - the civil war that
goes on within - when we
see how far short we fall - we do mourn

Christian does not stop there —

Mourns also for sins of others
He's concerned about state of
society — He mourns for
world — Jesus did — for
he saw the sin —

We do not stop here either —
The man who mourns for his
sins — is going to repent —
repentance leads to Christ —
and the Holy Spirit reveals
Christ as his perfect satisfaction —
He sees Christ who died for his sins
& is standing as our advocate
in the presence of God —

He sees God's perfect pro-
vision and is comforted

astounding thing about Christianity —
your great sorrow leads to
joy without the sorrow
there is no joy —

This is not only true at Conver-
sion — but all continues to be
true about the Christian.

This comfort is not found in
the world — they don't know
the source of this joy
that you & I have — There
is no comfort in the world —
but for the Christian — though he
is groaning — he is happy

Man who mourns is a
sorrowful man - but not morose.
sorrowful but not miserable.
serious but not solemn
sober-minded but not sullen
grave but never cold
"has a joy unspeakable & full
of glory"

Happy on the Meek 5:5

meekness - not a natural
quality - Abraham - Moses - David -
Jeremiah - (NT) Paul - Stephen

Supreme example was Jesus
with the exception of our Lord
all of these men were not
meek by nature - The martyrs
had meekness - but they were not weak.

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Patient & long-suffering, especially when
we suffer unjustly -

We do not retaliate - God
will repay -

If you are meek - you are
happy and contented - you are
satisfied - In that sense
you already inherit the earth
now - But of course it has a
future reference. Why should
we worry - it's going to

all the ours one day anyway.

Happy on the Street 2:2

unknown

Jesus Teaches the Way
of Love - Luke 6
(27-38) 1-2-72

3 Great Discourses of Christ:

Upper Room — John 13-16

Olivet Discourse — Matt. 24-25

Sermon on the Mount:

Luke 6: 20 — 49 Matt 5-7.

Luke 6: 1-6 Jesus is Lord of Sabbath

" 6: 6-12 " Heals on Sabbath

" 11 = Beginning of His Controversy
with Jewish leaders

6: 13-16 Jesus chooses His 12 - also
called apostles -

6: 17-19 Setting of His Sermon on the Mt.

6: 20 - Beginning of Beatitudes -

Luke gives 4 Blessings

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit
definite order in these Beatitudes
this one must come first - entry
into the kingdom of God -
no one in the kingdom of God
who is not poor in spirit -
(quote Dr. M. Lloyd-Jones) is fundamental
characteristic of citizen of kingdom
of heaven -

all other characteristics are in a
sense - result of this one -

means - an emptying - while others are manifestation of a fullness -

We cannot be filled until we are empty.

Remember Simeon - speaking of Jesus - "This child is set for the fall & rising again of many -"

The fall comes before the rising again -

Conviction - precedes Conversion

It is a very searching test for every one of us, not only as we face ourselves, but especially as we come to face the whole message of the Sermon on the Mount. Condemns the idea that you and I can do these things of ourselves..something you and I can carry out. The Sermon on the Mount in other words, comes to us and says, "There is the mountain that you have to scale, the heights you have to climb; and the first thing you must realize, as you look at that mountain which you are told you must ascend, is that you cannot do it, and that any attempt to do it in your own strength is proof positive that you have not understood it" It condemns at the very outset the view which regards it as a programme for man to put into operation immediately, just as he is...."(quote Dr. Martin Lloyd-Jones.)

Peter aggressive, self-assured..full of confidence in himself... typical modern man of the world... Look at him when he truly sees the Lord... He says "DEPART FROM ME: FOR I AM A SINFUL MAN, O LORD." " Peter 3: 15, 16.. pays tribute to apostle Paul BUT he never ceases to be a bold man. Personality remains the same and yet he is poor in spirit at the same time..

PAUL.... had to fight Pride to the end of his life.... Why he kept on using the word "boasting" but having once seen the risen Lord on the road to Damascus all that became "LOSS" and this man - possessed of such tremendous powers... felt insufficient because he was "poor in spirit".....

JESUS..greatest example... Jesus the God*Man speaking.... "I can do nothing of myself" ~~xxxxxxx~~ "The words that I speak unto you.. I speak not of myself but the Father that dwelleth in me... He doeth the works Jno. 14:10

Blessed POOR IN SPIRIT.....?

Complete absence of pride... a complete absence of self-assurance and self-reliance.... A consciousness that we are nothing in the presence of God. It is nothing that we can do or ourselves... Our utter nothingness as we come face to face with God

Yours is the Kingdom of Heaven - The followers of the Lord Jesus, in large measure, have been among the poor & lowly - but oh, how much the grace & love of Christ has meant to them - Some of the richest people & spiritually have lived in such lowly surroundings - Frank said Bible to man who could not read - etc

(Poor in Spirit - Emptying) } manifestation of
hunger }
use }
love you } fullness

v. 21a Blessed

21b

v. 22

v. 23

These 4 Blessed followed by four uses

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But in Luke 6: 27 - is
emphatic -
presents a contrast between
what Jews had taught and
what Christ was going to teach.
They had always maintained
that enemies were to be hated.
Christ said they were to be
loved.

Mostly Jews in v. 17: to whom
Jesus delivered his sermon -
Some ones to whom he said
"repent for the kingdom of heaven
is at hand" - Matt 4: 17 -

6: 27c . Love - enemies -
All other exhortations that
follow - unfold and describe ways
of expressing this love.

Only a born-again believer -
can love his enemies -
loving one's enemies - does not mean
approval of his sin -
sin - hated
sinner - loved

Lu. 6: 28 - returning good for evil -
Bless \ Hard to practice these
Pray - two things at same time -

Lu. 29-30 Second Mile
Salvation - and suffering (persecution)
go together - Phil. 1: 29

There is no age in which
the world loves a Christian -
Jesus told disciples -
"In the world ye shall
have tribulation."

Gods will His children
not react to opposition
with angry passion,
revenge, & resentfulness,
or retaliation -

all that the Bible has to say
on any given subject has
to be taken into consid-
eration & before a view is
adopted -

Do not take scripture
out of context - & distort
teaching -

These commands of Christ
are not meant to condone
sin or to foster crime -
but kind of love that
is always coupled with
wisdom -

Even Christ did - rebuke the
soldier who struck him with
Palm of his hand John 18:23

Paul & Peter were not
always completely and
absolutely nonresistant.
These - & other servants of the
Lord - often defended
themselves & their rights
to obey the Call of God.

I Peter 2:20

I John 3:17 - Help needy
Our own Church
as individuals & as a
group have concern for
those in need.

Principles to Govern Conduct

31-38

1. 31-35 - Selflessness -

V-31 - "Golden Rule"

Other religions have a
a similar rule -
including Judaism
but they always state
it in the negative

"What you do not want others to
do to you, do not do to them"

The Lord put it in the
possession -
Treat others the way
you want to be treated

Vengeance - Rom. 12: 19
Deut. 32: 25

Believers must learn that
they should not depend
upon themselves to live a
life pleasing to God -
They must rely upon the
Holy Spirit & utilize his
Power -

Rom. 7: 18
Gal. 5: 16 - 18

GOD GIVES MEANING TO LIFE....

PSA. 73 and EPH. I

The Psalmist states his victorious conclusion first.... vs. 1. He had been tempted to doubt the goodness of God and question the value of holiness because of what he saw.. vs. 2 - 16. Then he understood God's dealings and was ashamed of his doubts. vs. 17-22 He concludes by rejoicing in his own blessed condition, vs. 23 - 28.

1. V 3 has been true of many of God's children

2. The Psalmist envied the wicked when he saw their PRESENT, vss 3, 5, 7, but when he saw their FUTURE he changed his mind, vss 17 - 19

3. Note what Asaph and all believers HAVE and SHALL HAVE, vs. 23, 24.

4 Note the effect prosperity has upon the wicked. It fills them with pride, violence, corruption, wickedness and blasphemy, vss. 6, 8, 9, 11, 12

A PRACTICAL LESSON... "TELL YOUR "Certainties" but keep your doubts to yourself.... V 15

"To the SAINTS ^{and} the faithful in Christ Jesus
anywhere"

The theme of Ephesians I is
salvation. God the Father
purposed ~~and~~ planned our redemption.
Before the world was created -
He designed a plan of salvation for
those whom He would create.

He knew men would sin and He
made provision for that sin in His
Son -

Three lines of truth make up this
Epistle:

1. The believers exalted position through
GRACE -

2. The truth concerning the body of
Christ,

3. A walk in accordance with that
position -

This the true church - the Body of
Christ - Not the local
Church -

WHAT A STATE OF PRIVILEGE! It includes our JUSTIFICATION before God, but the term "acceptance" in the Greek means more than that. It signifies that we are the objects of DIVINE COMPLACENCY, nay even of DIVINE DELIGHT. How marvellous that we, mortals, sinners, should be the objects of divine love! But it is only "in the beloved" Some Christians seem to be accepted in their own experience, at least that is their idea. or understanding. When their spirit is lively, and their hopes bright, they think God accepts them for they feel so high, so heavenly-minded so drawn above the earth! But when their soul cleave to the dust, they are the victims of the fear that they are no longer accepted. If they could but see that all their high joys do not exalt them, and all their low despondencies do not really depress them in their Father's sight, but that they stand accepted in one who never alters, in one who is always the beloved of God always perfect, always without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, how much happier they would be, and how much more they would ~~men~~ honour the Saviour! Rejoice then, believer, in this; thou are accepted "in the beloved" Thou lookest within, and thou sayest, "There is nothing acceptable here!" But look at ~~Christ~~ Christ, and see if there is not everything ~~x~~ acceptable THERE. Thy sins trouble thee; but God has cast thy sins behind His back, and thou art accepted in the Righteous One. Thou has to fight corruption, and to wrestle with temptation, but thou art already accepted in Him who has overcome the powers of evil. The devil tempts thee; be of good cheer, he cannot destroy thee, for thou are accepted in Him. who has broken Satan's head. Know by full assurance thy glorious standing. Even glorified souls are not more accepted than thou art. They are only accepted in heaven "in the beloved" and thou art even now accepted in Christ after the same manner.

God Responds To Prayer

Heb. 11:6 - Matt 7: 7-12

Rom 8: 26, 27

I doubt if if any of us have full understood the meaning of prayer. This does not mean that our prayers have not been heard and answered by our Heavenly Father but many of God's children have not enter into the real spiritual meaning of prayer.

What do we understand by prayer?

What really is the meaning of prayer?

WE KNOW IT IS NOT THE MERE PERFORMANCE OF A religious duty

Prayer for the believer is communication with God. WHAT A PRIVILEGE....To think that the God of heaven and earth has invited us to talk to him and wants us to commune with Him. We can make ~~our~~ petitions to Him for our needs ...

Every genuine prayer of the child of God receive an answer..... The answer is not always YES. not always NO... Sometimes IT IS WAIT

HEB. 11: 6.....Matt. 7: 7 - 12

I - INVITATION TO PRAYER...

Prerequisites to prayer. Chap 11 of Heb. ^{Heb. 11:} God's great hall of fame...people there not sinless people but.. but men and women with problems like you and I have.... examples of those who in spite of all opposition and conflict believed Him.. They were men and women who were characterized by FAITH in God

Read Heb. 11: 5.. Enoch... FAITH.. Whoever comes to God must believe that HE is...

not a belief about God but a belief IN God which includes knowledge..love...trust..and submission

Prayer - way of getting
what God wants us
to have

"Diligently" seek Him....Why do we have to strive... to diligently search.. etc.... Because there is an enemy within us whose chief aim and goal is to distract our attention from spiritual things and attract us to worldly things...

Be well pleasing to God... this is the end result.. these are fundamental qualification of one who comes to God in prayer....

SUPPLICATION IN PRAYER Rom. 8:26 ~~Rom 8:26~~
PERPLEXITY OF PRAYER: II Cor. 12: 8

These verses express the testimony and the experience of us all. We are often bewildered as to just what to pray, for ourselves or others. *Rom. 8:26*

We have a long "shopping list" of what we want

III THE PROVISION FOR PRAYER.. ROM. 8: 26, 27

Because of the above perplexity, God has provided for us the Holy Spirit that makes intercession for us ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD

WHO intercedes? The Holy Spirit, an evidence of His personality...

WHY does He intercede? Because of our infirmities... James 4: 3...The believer has two natures. Many of our prayers which we offer are connected with our creature-comfort, self-controlled old nature... HOW DOES HE INTERCEDE? according to the will of God... The importance of this cannot be over stressed. Christ prayed "let this cup pass from me" but quickly added "Thy will be done".. Paul in COL. 1: 9 prays, "that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding" This is no excuse for unanswered prayer.. "Col. 4: 2.."Continue in prayer and watch in the same with thanksgiving"....

THE PROMISE OF PRAYER..... MATT 7: 7 - 11

In verses 1 - 6 He has shown us the danger of condemning other people etc...

"Diligently" seek Him..... Why do we have to strive ... to diligently search..... BECAUSE there is an enemy within us whose chief aim and goal is to distract our attention from spiritual things and attract us to worldly interests. Be well pleasing to God

"The Practice of Prayer... MATT. 7: 7 - 12
In this passage we are encouraged to pray....

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Effect of all this upon us....
show us our terrible need of grace....

When we realize the high standard that the Bible sets for Christian living we are humbled and begin to ask "Who are sufficient for these things?" Where can we get wisdom and cleansing we need? THE ANSWER *— matt 7: 7-12*

ASK SEEK Knock..... (Progressive...

The Human Responsibility:

We must realize our need...ask in dependence
Seek... with urgency of a great desire...
Knock perpetually for full realization in your life.

Realize God is our FATHER It is not a servant that keeps the door but your FATHER.

The Divine Response...

God is willing to bestow... God being God he never makes a mistake v 9, 10

The gifts are good gifts v 11. Luke 11

Christ says the good Gift is the Holy Spirit.
In giving us the Holy Spirit He gives us everything..... Every FITNESS we require..
Every GRACE, Every GIFT...

Ask FOR ANY ONE OF THESE THINGS THAT IS GOOD FOR YOU.... THAT IS FOR THE SALVATION OF YOUR SOUL.... YOUR ULTIMATE PERFECTION.... ANYTHING THOROUGHLY GOOD FOR YOU AND HE WILL GIVE IT TO YOU.

Bountiful provision has been made for the believer's spiritual needs. Responsibility for prayer and holy living still rests with man. God does not do for man what He has charged him to do He does ask us to res in His great provisions and to rely upon Him for all our needs...God does respond to the believer's prayer.

Our GREATEST CONCERN should not be over the "unanswered" prayers but over the "UNOFFERED" prayer.

In The Doctrine of God —

I Thinking About God —

II God Transcends our Understanding —

III God Reveals Himself —

IV God Gives meaning to life

V God Calls Men —

VI God Creates a Community

VII God Responds to Prayer —

The more of an effort prayer becomes
the more easily it is neglected —

Sometime — our prayers don't seem to be
answered — Read 1 John 5: 14, 15

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Today: God Heals Broken Humanity —

Isa. 61: 1-4

Broken humanity — Bible says that
man is more than weak & infirm
He is

An alien

enemy of God

Without hope —

He is blind —

dead in trespasses and sins —

He is a dupe of Satan —

Read Isa. 1: 6 —

The gulf between God & man
is both

individual and collective —

personal and national —

Read our newspapers — listen
new b'casts —

Murder — rape — drugs —
drunkenness — riots — burning etc

we are compelled to believe
the Biblical description of us
drug pushers today - running
lives for almighty \$
and don't even have a headache
over what they have done

As the individual goes -
So goes the Nation

Americans think that
nothing will happen to us

Foreign nations who know
more about it than we do -
think we are childish -

It is God who heals broken
humanity through His Son -

Man has tried & is trying
his own remedies first -

Legislation -

Education -

Science -

Welfare - etc

Is there a brighter day?

Read Isa 61: 1 - 4

Christ applies this to Himself
in Luke 4: 16 - 21

Christ refers to the complete restoration
He will effect in the universe
not all at once but
Lesson speaks of 3 stages

1. A Period of grace

2 - A period of vengeance

3 - A final, complete restoration -
These are related to Christ's first ^{and} second comings -

Final condition - Wonderful
Sin in individual & nation
will be removed - & men
will live peaceably with each
other & with God forever!

I In ^{now} Grace - "the acceptable year
of the Lord" Isa 61: 1, 26 -

Combine these verses - they } Luke 4: 16-21
Col. 1: 21-23

give us a threefold description
of mankind

1. He is ignorant ^{goes to pleasure} - of God's law &
his own condition - or how to please God - & way of
salvation - ignorant of his relationship to God -

2 - He is perish - man needs feeling -
affected his mind - body - whole being - note
his deeds - crimes - Isa 1: 6

3 - He is a captivity
mental - & spiritual - Chains that bind him
vices - habits - Paul says - Eph 2: 1-10
prison keeper is Satan man is
his captive

But God
eph 2:4 you must understand
mans need before you
can offer a convincing
remedy.

II Gods provision: Luke 4: 16

Same verses as above —
Christ went to Synagogue — Nazareth
where he grew up — Carpenter —

"As His custom was" he went to
Sabbath service — along w the
hypocrites — & other imperfect
people — closed book at this point

Gods provision for the
healing of broken humanity
was His Own Son —

Christ's work was to meet
mans every need —

1. He preached the gospel
2. He was sent to heal
mental - physical - spiritual
3. Preached deliverance \ liberty
to the captives —
Christ is the Great Emancipator
of man —

Mans responsibility — accept
by faith Gods provision for
his needs — Col 1: 22, 23

Christ heals only those who desire
His healing — realize their needs —

God heals broken humanity
In grace ^{and}

II
In judgment - Isa 61: 26
"Day of vengeance" -

Because Christ stepped at Calvary
doesn't mean that this day has
been cancelled -

Hard to believe that all men will
not accept God's free offer of
salvation - but they will not

Consequently After Rapture ^{1 Thess 4: 13-18}
1 Cor. 15: a day of judgment must come
51-58 (Tribulation) - for God's
enemies -

III
Complete & final restoration -
61: 3, 4

Mourn in Zion - millennial picture

Included Jew - gentile -
Church of God & They will be
brought into right relationship with
God - and with each other -
all for glorification of Christ.

Are Christians pessimists because
they say things are going to
get worse ?? after that
a perpetual day of sunshine
& glory - But God Christians are
only true optimists

Creation was made for his
glory and man's good —
Man is to master the
creation

What has ^{not} man ^{done} to
creation?

Some animals
are almost extinct because
man has killed — for pleasure
Trees destroyed & not
replaced — Wood at a
premium now —
Man can destroy by
nuclear bombs &
or

erosion — depletion —
pollution — our big
problem now

Greed - shortsightedness - &
indifference of future generations are
human factors in this
sin against God's creation.

Psa. 104 -

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God Sustains His Creation -
Psa. 104: 1-9

27-35 - Acts 17: 24-31

Reminded of N.T. passage by Paul -
Col. 1: 16, 17 -

Paul's version of Psa. 104 - in condensed form?
Both OT & N.T. affirm that
Christ - Cause, Head, & Goal
of the created universe -

These two men - writing 1100 yrs. apart
Give the same truth regarding the
relationship existing between God &
His universe -

Psa. 104 - (like 103) begins with praise
with the psalmists call to His
soul to bless Jehovah -

Key note found v. 24
Sometimes we feel so little & lost when
we look at vastness of universe and
space beyond - which man has
penetrated - But, this poem -
bids us fall back upon the
center of time & eternity of space -
Jesus Christ who died
for us -

Divine majesty & Power Seen in Forces of
Nature - 104: 1-4

It is a poet's version of Gen.
1 and 2.

Isa 40: 21, 22, 26, 28

Light v-2.
Job 38:

- Psa. 104: 10 — 26 - describes God's
1. provision for needs of man, beast & birds (10-18)
 2. Design & control of moon & sun. 19-23.
 3. Manifold riches of earth & sea
vs. 24-26

God does what man cannot ^{and}
man must do what God will not

Psa. 104: 31-34 The grand finale
in form of two prayers -
with a declaration of purpose
dividing them -

1st prayer

31, 32 - -

The desire & purpose - vs. 33 & 34
Meditate - praise - be glad

2nd prayer = 35a

For reiteration of the harmony of
creation - banishment of sin & of
sinner - (This is what hinders God
from rejoicing in His works)
When sin is removed - harmony of
creation will be restored.

Psalmist ends as he began -

c c " 35b " Bless the Lord -
etc "

Psalmist so enraptured, c
Universe, & God of this universe
that he breaks out in prayer
He cannot satisfy us only
to think of God if we must talk
to Him.

His love is as great as His
power -

God controls & sustains His creation
God's Faithfulness in maintaining that
for which He has a purpose -
God has a purpose for your life & He will
sustain you until that work is completed
See = Psalm =

Job 38:1 God's questions are penetrating!

Questions God asks:

38:4-7

1. The earth (4)

Heb. 12: 26-28--

Only what is according to truth
will stand -

Col. 1: 17 - By Him - "Held together"

II The Sea - 38: 8-11

Psa. 33: 7

God used water at the beginning
to cover the earth in judgment &
then again at the time of

Noah He judged the earth with
water. Man cannot control the
fames of the great oceans -

Show him his helplessness
& ignorance -

Why cannot God have complete
control over me? -

Any personal rebellion -
New heaven & new earth

no more sea -

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III - Day & Night Job 38: 12, 13

Men can tell us time of sunrise
& sunset - & when going to be
an eclipse of sun or moon -
But men are unable to alter such times.

Days of Hezekiah - God set
sun back 10 degrees -
but only God could do that -

IV Gates of Death & Breath of the Earth?

38: 16 - 18

I Snow & Hail V. 22 - 23

For good - & time of war -

Joshua 10th ch -

He went out against 5
kings of the Canaanites -

God sent hail on enemies.

Revel Rev - 16: 21

God has every resource we need

Eph. 6: 10 - 12

more we know of God, less we
think of ourselves -

VI V. 24 - Light

White light - composed of

3 main rays -

blue - green - red -

these form ~~other~~ other related
colors -

Science says - 3 kinds of light rays -

Roy - enables us to see

Roy - gives out heat

Roy - radiant ray or life giving ray

light ray alone would destroy creation
light & heat combined would create
house of creation.

But adding so-called healing
ray — and we have light
which makes life possible
again — see Trinity
all needed for salvation —

VII 1. 25 "Gallies" in the sky —
only God would know how
to distribute the rains
over the earth.

The weather is in God's
hands —

we can trust God to supply our
needs

VIII - Heavenly Bodies & Clouds Rain

Isa 40: 26

"What is man that thou art mindful
of him —"

Psa 104

Creation is from God & dependent
upon God although God is
before creation. God sustains
& cherishes His creation.
Gen — "God saw that it was good" over
& over — Gen. 1: 12, 18, 21, 25, 31 —

The Creation was made for man - It is to serve man's needs & to be enjoyed by him. It is ultimately to be redeemed -

The Bible is concerned first of all to meet the needs of Faith & the meaning of life.

It is not concerned to take over the great research which is within the ability of science -

Faith in the Bible is not threatened by anything that science has learned about the universe.

God Establishes Moral Order SS 11-14-71

Rejection of:

Holy Scripture's Authority } Discarding
God as Eternal } of Biblical
Christ as Son of God - } Morality -
Salvation by His blood. }
~~Biblical Morality~~

God has established a moral order
very many
Long before Law given to Moses
God ~~made~~ implanted within man a
consciousness of right & wrong.
The Law of Moses was
God's written Code of Conduct.
The moral law of God is
still in force.

True - Rom 10:4

We are under grace today
The moral law is still binding
upon our conduct.

Joshua sinful today to lie,
~~steal~~ murder, commit adultery
as it ever was -

Down and Out Sinners -

Roman 1: 18-32

I Under the wrath of God - 1-18

God's wrath revealed: I Flood -
I drove Adam & Eve out of Garden of Eden

I Sodom & Gomorrah

When His Son hung on Calvary there was
the full revelation of God's wrath from
Heaven - Then the Sinner suffers
for the sinner -

Revelation gives us details of
awful storms of God's judgment
Clouds - All not under
blood of Lamb - lost eternity.

II
They are without excuse: 19, 20

"What about the heathen?"

God's great picture book - Creation

Psa 19: 1 - "Heavens declare glory of God"

Man refused to read God's "palm"

(Creation) - followed after sin -

Conscience warned man -

his folly - he wouldn't listen -

He is without excuse!

III
They have sunk into the depths
of idolatry - Rom 1: 21-23

World at one time knew God
Gen 9:1 - Noah & his sons stood
around altar & worshipped God -
Man turned his back upon God
& forgot Him -

III
They Were Unrestrained in Their
Course to Ruin 24-32
This is a terrible story -
24, 26-28 "God gave them up"

1. Why is man without excuse
Rom 1:19-20

2. What 3 parts of man were
affected by God's giving
them up?

v. 24 - Bodies

26 - Soul

28 - Spirit - (Prov 20)

Man knew of judgment of God
Read (v. 2) 22

The Self Righteous man -
Note 4 things regarding judgment of God!

1. The judgment of God is according to Truth **2-5**
man refusing God's goodness -
boards up wrath against ~~himself~~ -
God is dispensing grace but He
is treasuring up wrath -
*In the day of reckoning the sinner
will receive both principle and
interest.*

Reaps more than sown -
Sow Bushel corn - reap lot man
Sow - wind - reap whirlwind -

II (6-10)
The judgment of God is according to works
In fact vs. 6-16 Paul sets forth
the two great principles of God's
judgment.

1. **(6-11)** - First sa. man will be judged
according to his deeds.
2. **(12-16)** Second - Ea. man will be judged
according to his light.

In 6-11 Paul is not speaking
of salvation - but of judgment

v. 7. God does not say He will render them
eternal life *because* of their good deeds
Later Paul says eternal life is given because of their

faith in Christ

7 - Deeds indicate attitude of heart which will receive eternal life -

The judgment of God is Impartial ^{III} _(v. 11) Standard of judg- according to responsibility ¹⁵

The Judgment of God is According ^{IV} to the Gospel - (v. 16)

Salvation is sure for the believer but wrath is as certain for every believer -

Secrets exposed
Think of the sinner who has rejected Christ having all their sins exposed -

6-11

Judged according to deeds

V-11 - Must have come as a

Shock to Jews - they thought themselves superior to Gentiles -

Rom. 2:12 - not "as many" = not Jews "Sin and Law" and "as many" = Jews -

Gentiles sinned without the law - How was this possible? All men have a law written in their hearts -

Jews - also had a law written in their hearts - Also were given a law written on tables of stone - given by God Himself -

(all) men have light from Creation Rom. 19 (~~Rom. 19-20~~)

(all) men have the light that comes from Conscience -

John 1: 9

Rom. 2: (15)

(all) men will be judged by the light that comes from Calvary

1 Cor. 1: 18

Creation tell men there is a God

Conscience tells them they have a responsibility to Him which they cannot meet Calvary tells them this responsibility has been fully met for them

Hearing and doing - 2:13
Just as v. 12 explains v. 4
So v. 13 explains v. 12 -

In v. 13 - focused primarily
upon the Jew - They thought
the hearing was synonymous
with loving (2:13)

Doing of Law is evidence of
right relationships with God -
Clear all Thy Scripture =
Salvation is all of God
not based on works

Rom. 3: 23, 24

Eph. 2: 5, 8

Gentiles and Law 2: 14-16

Read v. 13 and 16 together

14-15 = parentheses

illustrates truth of v. 13 -

Impossible to know secrets of men's hearts - but God knows - when men stand before God - the genuine will be separated from the spurious -

Basis of God's judgment of men will be Jesus Christ -

Saviour will be Judge - Nothing will be hidden then

Factor = relationship to

Jesus Christ -

Law of Sowing & Reaping

Gal 6: 7-9 Sow - reap c. Interest -

God does not always balance His books in our life time -

Gal. 5: 16 and 25 -

John 14: 1-6 cemetery = sleeping place of Christians
Grounds of God letting our hearts be troubled.

Stop heavy troubles which you are now doing.
1. Exhortation

1. He's gone away 2. Betrayal
3 - Peter deny 3 X's

Cure for a troubled heart

1. Promise constant presence of God
- 2 (v2) - go via cross of a prepared place
3. v. 14 return home
4. way to God
- 5.

Perfect peace of God - Christ

12 - works of hands & works

13-14 Answered prayer

8 - 15-17 Coming of Comforter
9 - 18-24 Abiding presence of Christ (v23)

10 - Teaching

11 - Peace

Heaven
John 14: 3
Father's hand

Golden rod - God's word
or iron rod - of chastening discipline

Return

- 1 - Resurrect
 - 2 - Rebirth
 - 3 - Reunion
 - 4 - Realization
 - 5 - Residence
 - 6 - Ever be a Lord
- sleep so
live caught up
together
see you

go - secure a right for you true

Rapture of Ch

I Cor 15: 50 -

v. 53: corruptible = incorruptible

mortal = immortality

57th generation since Pentecost -

are corruptible - will put on incorruption.

58th gen - this gen - is mortal.

(subject to death) will put on
immortality

Mystery = Rapture of Saints
not in O.T.

Zecl 14:

Matt 24: as was Noah -
one taken - one left

Imminent - gathering between raptures
No signs of Rapture
Pre-Tribulation rapture
of the Church - no signs
2nd Coming - Anti-Christ -
Man of Sin

Heaven State of mind - ^{Bless you} ~~place~~
more - ~~place~~

- 1 - Place (physical body of Jesus
~~at~~ there)
- 2 - prepared place (for people)
- 3 - Father's home - (v2)
God has a right say who
fits in -
- 4 - Infinitely spacious (missions)
reason for ~~any~~ most
- Phil 3: citizenship in heaven
- 5 - Permanency
- 6 - Presence of Jesus

Gal 5

'Walk in the Spirit'

Galatians is addressed to people who know the meaning of Christian Faith.

The Galatians had accepted Christ — When the first elation of conversion over-question arose — familiar —

"Where does my faith fit into the endless routine of washing dishes — earning a living, raising children, paying taxes, etc — I am a Christian! How ought I to live?"

The Pharisees said — Obey the law!

Paul said "Walk in the Spirit"

"Walking" is an old familiar beautiful term from the Bible for daily life — In the opening Enosh walked with God

I suppose he had routine monotonous duties to perform

But his Faith made glorious the humble life of each day —

for he walked with God.

Who is the Spirit?

The Spirit is a fact in

Christian experience —

Walk in the Spirit

Live a moment with the knowledge that Christ is present — above you — around you — within you —

"Page 77 This is the meaning etc —"

● In Bunyans - Pilgrims Progress —
read, - Pilgrim on his journey
from the city of destruction to the
Celestial City - was received and
entertained in a place called -
"The Palace Beautiful". There he
rested in a large upper room
whose window opened toward
the sun-rising; the name of
the room was "Peace". At
break of day Christian awoke
from his peaceful rest and sang:
"Where am I now? Is the love and care
of Jesus for the men who pilgrims are
thus to provide? That I should
be forgiven.
And dwell already the next door
to heaven?"

This 5th ch. of Roman is the
Palace beautiful -

● With the justified - we live
within the light of heaven,
in the room of peace,
we look through the window
of hope and our hearts are
cheered with its sunbeams of glory -

Seven results of justification

v-1. Peace with God.

(Justification — God has declared
us righteous.
Sanctification — He has made us
righteous.)

Robed in Christ's righteousness
(Does not imply sinlessness in this life)

v2. Access — into this grace ^{or favor} of God

I. SALVATION FROM WICKEDNESS

- a. Justification by faith
- b. Peace with God
- c. Access to grace
- d. Hope in God

II SALVATION FROM WORRY

- a. ~~Tribulations~~work patience
- b. ~~Patience~~ works experience
- c. Experience works hope
- d. Hope does not work shame

III SALVATION FROM WRATH

- a. Christ died for us
- b. Christ justified us
- c. Christ saves us from wrath
- d. Christ is our joy

JUSTIFIED? Means to be declared righteous before God on the basis of identification with Christ - so that we partake of His righteousness, having none of our own

2. Why do people need to have "peace with God" They are alienated from Him by sin, so there cannot be a peaceful relationship with Him. Then the only way they can be reconciled is to be justified. through Christ.

What does it mean to have access to grace by faith? (God's blessings in salvation are available only to those who believe in Christ's atoning work at Calvary.. Acceptance of that opens the door for them to enter the family of God and to enjoy all He has for them)

SALVATION FROM WORRY

Questions ..why the righteous suffer have been asked from Job's day until now... Not the trouble faced but in the way each responds to them (righteous)

Justification (Rom 8: 33)

7 results of justification (5: 1-11)

1. Peace - "To unite" (sin broke tie -
Past act Faith unites us)

2. Access - Present position of sons -

3. Rejoicing in ^{looks to future} hope of the glory of God
Rom 8: 17-23 Phil. 3: 20, 21

I Peter 1: 3-7 - I Jno. 3: 2

4. Rejoicing in tribulation.

vs 3-4 Patience - perseverance - self-discipline

Matt 5: 10, 12 - James 1: 2, 3

● Experience: proofs show God's love approachness

5. Gift of Holy Spirit - to every believer -
who can keep from sin -
1st mention of Holy Spirit in Romans -
(See much of His work later chapter)

6. Assurance of future security (6-10)
(7-8 - Contrast of man's love & God's love)
Acts 7: 54-60

● 7. "Sealed by His resurrection life"
"Joy in God" v. 11

Romans 1:17-3:21 = all have
sinned (lack righteousness)
under condemnation -

Rom. 3:21-5:21 = The believer is justified
made righteous by faith alone, in
Christ. He is saved from the
penalty of sin.

Rom. 6:1-8:17 — Believer is sanctified -
saved from power of sin

Today: Rom. 8:14-23 is
glorification
saved from presence of sin.

^{v-17}
Means of attaining this glory
is suffering

Not a calamity -
not accidental - but
essential and necessary -
There is no life without death.
Death involves suffering -
Christ had to suffer to go
to glory - so must we

II Tim. 3:12
II Cor. 4:17

3. Our total salvation therefore, is something for which we have assurance from God. It is a hope which will not be disappointed.

4. This wonderful event will take place when Christ comes back to gather His own to Himself. It will occur at the end of the age of grace, at the time of the rapture of both the dead and the living believers into the air.

5. There will be a 7-yr. period intervening between the rapture and the millennium. During the millennium the Lord will lift the curse from nature as well.

Isa. 65: 17-25

III Announcement of The Kingdom"

Rev. 11: 15

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ"
God gave His own outline of the Book - without which one cannot understand

1- "The Things Which Thou Hast Seen"

Rev. 1: 12 - 20 - the vision

of the risen Lord and His High Priestly work, which He is now doing for us at the right hand of the Father. (~~activity in heaven~~)

2- "The Things Which Are"

chpts. II and III

form the second division of the Book - messages of the risen Lord to the seven churches in Asia - outline the history of the professing Church from Pentecost till the Rapture.

~~"activity upon earth"~~

3- "The Things Which Shall Be Hereafter"

are portrayed in chpts. 4 - 22

3rd & last division of Rev. Events which will take place after the church has been caught up to be with Christ:

- a. revelation of Anti-Christ -
- b. the great tribulation period -
- c. return of Christ in glory -
- d. His millennial reign on earth - even unto the eternal state.

Between the 6th & 7th
Trumpets as well as between
the 6th & 7th seals — &
Between the 6th & 7th bowls of
wrath, there is a
parenthetical vision.

Read Chpts 8-9-10-11
record both trumpet
judgments and the parenthetical
vision. opening of 7th seal
(Read 8:1) ushers in the
trumpet judgments -
don read Rev. 8:1

Breathless silence which
precedes the stormy -
The "silence in heaven" speaks
to us of the hush which
will precede the sounding of
the trumpets of judgment
and

on to
Ch 10:1 - 11:14 = parenthetical
vision

With the sounding of the trumpet, we
 Come to the end of the great tribulation
 & beginning of the millennial
 period - Jerusalem -
 will once again have the favor
 of God upon her & become the
 seat of Christ's earthly kingdom.

Ch. 11 deals with future things -
 (4 - 22 (3rd dew) - "Things that are to be")

3 Series of divine judgments
 are related in Rev. 6-16

1. Seal judgments - 6:1 to 8:1

2. Trumpet judgments - 8:2 - 11:19

3. Bowl of vial judgments. 15:1 - 16:21

These probably follow each other in
 succession & but, between the
 chapters dealing with them, material
 is presented - explained more
 in detail - but not in
 chronological order necessarily.

11:15a different from preceding
 ones - accompanied by great
 voices in heaven - angels & redeemed
 praising God for what He is about
 to do - 11:15B -

The Kingdom of our Lord and
His Christ will not be

established until a number of
other events take place but
it will be established

Rev. 20: 1 - 3

Here it is announced with certainty
Old Test. Prophecy will be
fulfilled when that earthly
kingdom is instituted.

Don. 2: 44

Isa. 9: 6 - 7

Zeck. 14: 9

How can it be forever &
even if it lasts only
1000 years -

Read I Cor. 15: 23 - 24

After the millennial reign
Christ will deliver the kingdom
to the Father who will go on reigning
forever & forever -

Maybe this is what John
is saying - Christ will

"reign for ever & ever" 11:15
God will bring the world
to fulfillment - put down
all opposition - and

will have demonstrated
His right to rule on the earth?

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GOD BRINGS THE WORLD
TO FULFILLMENT
Ro. 8:18-25; Rev. 11:15

G.T. Rev. 11:15

Time: Romans about 57 A.D.
Revelation 96 A.D.

Place: Romans from Corinth
Revelation from Patmos

Introduction

This is the last lesson on God. Next week we will begin a study of the gospel of Luke.

We have seen that God is at the center and the circumference of the universe as well as our own personal lives. He is the Creator, the Sovereign and His glory is the final goal and end of all creation. This truth, so simple and easily accepted by believers is completely rejected by unbelievers. For them the universe will go on indefinitely without ever coming to any definite end or fulfillment. The forces that determine our destiny and that of the world are earthly, materialistic. They deny that there is any spiritual, heavenly, personal being who is controlling, guiding and bringing to fruition a plan and purpose. Since they reject the Author they naturally reject His Word. This I feel in large part explains the frustration experienced by so many in our day.

All agree that the world is in a perilous state at present. All the news media are expressing concern about the present economic, moral and international state of affairs. They predict dark dismal days ahead for this planet. Will things become brighter? The best they can offer is a wish for happier times, because they do not know the cause of the disaster nor do they have the means or the power to correct it.

Only those who believe the Bible have any sure knowledge and hope about the future. The world at best can only look for a material prosperity on the earth. The Bible says that the fulfillment of which our lesson speaks is both material and spiritual and that it will be accomplished by God himself. It is described in the prayer Christ taught his disciples to pray as "thy kingdom come," This kingdom is the ultimate goal to which all past, present and future history is marching. Time as Paul in Romans 8 says when the curse will be removed from the earth and all sin and rebellion will be taken out of the hearts and lives of men.

I. THE THESIS: - glory is certain to follow suffering, 8:18.

Godet, in his introduction to chapter 8 which begins with no condemnation, no defeat, ends with no separation and in between all things work together for good, quotes Spener as saying, "If Holy Scripture was a ring, and Epistle to the Romans its precious stone, chapter 8 would be the sparkling point of the Jewel."

Up to chapter 8 Paul has shown, 1:17-3:21 that all have sinned and thus are under condemnation; in vs. 3:21-5:21 the believer is justified, made righteous by faith alone in Christ; He is saved from the penalty of sin. In vs. 6:1-8:17 the believer is sanctified, saved from the power of sin. Now in the passage before us today is Glorification, saved from the presence of sin.

The prior words, v. 17, "joint-heirs with Christ" naturally suggested to the Apostle the thought of coming glory and the means of attaining it, suffering. Suffering is not inconsistent with the reality and permanence of spiritual blessings. It is not a calamity, not accidental, but essential and necessary. There is no life without death. Death involves suffering. Christ had to suffer to go to glory. So do you and I. It begins the moment

we are saved. IITim. 3:12, II Cor. 4:17.

This suffering is temporary; it is a blessing in disguise; it is certain to be followed by glory. Paul had been doing some spiritual arithmetic and, as it were, had put down in two columns the suffering and the glory with the result that there was no comparison between them.

II. THE MATERIAL UNIVERSE SUFFERS EXPECTING GLORY - deliverance from the curse 8:19-22.

Paul now presents three illustrations, confirmations of the principle in v. 18. The material universe, creation, not creature as in the A.V. vv. 19-22; the believer, vv. 23-25; and the Holy Spirit, vv. 26-30, all groan awaiting full redemption.

"For creation was subject to vanity," v. 20. "Vanity" does not mean pride, conceit, but failure, futility, resultless. Nature never seems to accomplish some great purpose. There is a weary round of repetition. Everywhere our eyes meet images of death and decay; the scourge of barrenness, the fury of the elements, the destructive instincts of beasts etc.

"Not of its own will," Creation did not have a will like Adam. This futility of nature came as a result of Adam's willing and doing. Although it was God by the means of Adam's sin who subjected creation. The extent of this curse on creation is not fully understood by man since he cannot compare it to its former state. *Space trip: Took oxygen & water etc - Running out on return*

The creation does not wait hopelessly but in hope, sure and certain. As man's sin brought the curse upon the earth, Gen. 3:17-19, so when man's sin problem is resolved the curse will be removed from the earth, 19. The destiny of creation is linked with the hope of man.

III. THE BELIEVER SUFFERS AWAITING GLORY-REDEMPTION OF THE BODY, 8:23-25.

The Apostle has been speaking about creation, the heavens and the earth, now he provides a further confirmation of the certainty of coming glory. Not only does creation groan, waiting for the great future, but believers themselves are longing for that full redemption which will come with the resurrection of the body. Indeed, our salvation has always had the element of hope in it. We are saved in hope, not by hope but by faith. We are waiting patiently for that which as yet we do not see, but which one day we shall realize. This waiting amidst adversity is in perfect harmony with the terms of our salvation "in Christ."

IV. THE REALIZATION, Rev. 11:15.

As we have seen above, creation has an earnest expectation and believers wait patiently for the final, complete realization of the purpose for which they were created. This event is described for us in Rev. 11:15.

First note that the Revised Version has "kingdom" and not "kingdoms" of the A.V. When Christ's kingdom is really set up, there will be one kingdom in the world. This v.15 is an announcement in heaven of victory before victory takes place. In c. 12 Satan is cast out of heaven itself; c. 13 gives us a fearful picture of world-ruler, a forces religion, military power, and economic dictatorship; c. 16 depicts terrible plagues; c. 19 depicts the battle of Armageddon and the coming of Christ and the fulfillment of 11:15. This period still future is called the great tribulation.

Conclusion:

Three words summarize our lesson, suffering, hope, glory. Suffering is indeed reality and a great mystery. It affects in one way or another the entire universe which God originally created "very good." But praise God the suffering is not one of endless despair. Both the rational and irrational creation wait patiently in hope of ultimate and final deliverance, eternal glory. This is the fulfillment that God brings when His Son comes the second time to the earth to reign.

Work Ourselves -

St. Louis

Mar. 3.

Mark 9: 2-8; 35-41

The Transfiguration

The Father:

A Lesson in Humility:

Christ's Lesson in ~~Indulgence~~
Tolerance:

"To quarrel with a friend is
to lose part of your own
personality"

Siouix Indian prayed: "Great Spirit
help me never to judge another man
until I have walked two weeks in
his moccasins."

Math 5: 7 Happy are the kind hearted, for
they will have kindness shown to
them" (Phillips Translation)

11
Matt 7: 1 "Criticize" not that
ye be not "criticized"
Judge - original "krino" from
which we get our word criticize -

Matt 7: 2 "With what measure
ye mete, it shall be measured
to you again" -

Matt 5: 7 "Happy are the kind-
hearted, for they will have
kindness shown to them."

The good we do today becomes
the happiness of tomorrow.

88. Lesson = 4-21-63

PSALMS in Worship and Life

Psalm 1; 15; 73

G. TEXT: Ps. 73: 26 "My flesh & my heart
fear thee: but God is the strength of my
heart, and my portion forever."

We refer to Psalms as one book but in Hebrew
it is divided into 5 books, which the
Jews called "the Pentateuch of David"

Divisions as follows:

Book I	Psalm 1 - 41
" II	" 42 - 72
III	" 73 - 89
" IV	" 90 - 106
" V	" 107 - 150

The first Psa. is in reality
a preface to the entire Book of
Psalms. This Psa. like a sign post
points the way to blessedness. The
opening word may be read "Oh, the
blessedness!" Greek scholars tell us
the original word was plural - "the
blessednesses - the happinesses"

Psalmist describes the ungodly
in terms used:

He says the blessed or happy
man is to avoid entirely the
association with evil-doers in
every form & degree.

First term used

1. Ungodly - the loose man - man
loose from God - Most
general term used in Old Test.
to describe contrast to righteousness.
Sin affects man's relation to God.
'Looseness from God' is source of
all transgression & sin.

2. 'Sinners' This term suggests
missing the mark - or going
astray from the path of right.
Refers here to those who are
especially coarse
Here sinful thought has passed
into conduct, action & life.

3rd term - Scornful - translated
"scoffery" - "scorners" in
the Book of Proverbs (Prov. 1:22 &
note: Isa 28:14 & Hos. 7:5 - 13:1 - 21:11)

Proud - self-sufficient -
have a contemptuous dis-
regard for God & Godly men.
It is impossible to reform
them for they despise reproof
& will not seek instruction.
Prov 13:1 & 15:12

Attitude & Conduct of the Blessed
or happy man.

The Godly man - who is the
blessed or happy man, Completely
avoids association with evil
or evildoers in every form
& degree. "walketh not counsel -
he does not accept or follow
their teaching or advice. He
refuses to be influenced by
counsel of the wicked.

Commit: Psa. 37: 5

I Peter 2: 23 -

I Cor 9: 17

Submit

Often quote Psa 23: 1

What they really mean is -

"The Lord is my Saviour and I'm glad He is!"

There is a vast difference between the Saviourhood of Jesus Christ - and the Shepherdhood of Jesus Christ. One may know Jesus as Saviour & know next to nothing of Him as Shepherd.

New Test. presents Lord Jesus as exercising a 3 fold Shepherd ministry.

John 10: 11 - Good Shepherd
Heb. 13: 20 - Great Shepherd
1 Peter 5: 4 - Chief Shepherd

~~Psa 23: 1 is what most people think of - this.~~

Psa. 22

SS Lesson 4-28-63

Psa. 23

Psalm 23 - Hill of Calvary

The Good Shepherd

As the Prophet - told story of God's love in
scarlet letters - on the cross - Did something -
died for me - will never do that again.

~~Psalm of the Cross~~

~~Mt Calvary - Hill of Calvary~~

~~Psalm of the Cross~~

The Great Shepherd.

Psa. 23 -

The Lord in His present ministry:
The Great Shepherd -

Psalm of the Crook
Valley of the shadow of death
Christ our High Priest

"Psa 23 is the highest, widest
& most glorious experience
into which it is possible
for God to lead a born-
again believer. This side
of Heaven -"

Psa. 24

The Chief Shepherd - (King)
The Sovereign - (as in Psa. 2)
Psa. of the Crown -
Mt. Zion

The virgin womb opened & gave
us the Good Shepherd.

The virgin tomb opened &
gave us the Great Shepherd
The virgin skies ^{with} opened & will
give us the Chief
Shepherd.

Psalm 73:

In this Psalm men find help when they need it - Let us lean hard on Him who is just beneath the surface of its words -

There are some troubles so crushing, so terrible, that the heart utterly fails. The pruning knife is so sharp, the cleansing fire so keen, the Cup so bitter.

The psalmist specifies the cause of one of these bitter troubles, as he tells us how perplexed he was with the mysteries of God's Providence the inequalities of life; the prosperity of the wicked, & the sorrows of the saints; why the ungodly prosper, while the pious are as a full cup are wrung out to God's people - these things have always been among the things hard to be understood.

Key Verses:

Chapter	1:	21
	2:	5
	3:	13, 14
	4:	19

There are three offices in the O.T. fulfilled by Christ in the New Test.

These represent man's need and God's supply. Man needs a king to make him obey because of his wilfulness; he needs a priest to intercede for him because of his sinfulness and a prophet to reveal God's will to him because of his blindness. All these MAN HAS IN - CHRIST.

A prophet is to be understood in a broad sense. He is a forthteller and a fore-teller one who proclaims the truth and one who predicts coming events. See his characteristics, I Sam. 9:9; 2 Peter 1: 20, 21.

These Minor Prophets, 12 in all, are only minor from the standpoint of size of books not in value or importance of their prophecies. Isaiah, a major prophet has 66 chapters; Obadiah, a minor prophet, has one chapter. These Minor Prophets cover the same ground historically as the book of Kings and Chronicles. In fact this period of the kingdom is recorded three times:

ROYAL record in Samuel and Kings

PRIESTLY RECORD in Chronicles and a

PROPHETICAL in the prophets .(with the emphasis on God's utterances)

AMOS, the burden bearer, the prophet of our lesson today was born in Tekoa of Judah of humble farm parents. He had the gift of prophecy but not the official office

Ch. 7: 14, 15

He was a layman called from a busy life to preach in Israel. By occupation he was a sheep tender and cultivator of Sycamore trees. He was a bold, restic speaker.

Israel tried but failed to scare him out

Ch. 7: 10 - 17

I

The Reign of Jeroboam II over Israel,
II K.ings 14: 23 - 27

It will be recalled that the united kingdom of Israel divided at the death of Solomon, 930 B.C into the Northern Kingdom embracing ten tribes and the Southern Kingdom embracing Judah and Benjamin.

All the kings of Judah were of the Davidic line, but those of the Northern Kingdom were of 9 different dynasties. The reign of Jeroboam II was the most prosperous and strongest, from a military standpoint.

A.. He was an evil king, V 24.

Jeroboam I (about 930-910) had introduced golden images of bulls at Dan in the extreme north of his newly founded kingdom and at Bethel in the extreme south, I Kings 12: 25 - 33. This dangerous innovation had lured God's people into a degrading religious compromise that polluted the worship of Jehovah with paganistic idolatry

B....He enjoyed political and economic prosperity.. V. 25-27 of II Kings.

1. POLITICAL - He extended his borders to Hamath on the Orontes river - almost to the limit of Solomon's reign. Syria had deprived Israel of its land, Ch. 13. Now while Assyria was occupied in the north with Armenia, Jeroboam attacked.

2...His victories had been prophesied by Jonah.

ECONOMIC - Once peace was established with Judah on the south and heathen kings around, Israel took full advantage of its position receiving tolls from caravans. All this resulted in ~~the~~ a prosperity which no living Israelite could remember; only Solomon exceeded it. One commentator called it "the hectic flush of mortal illness."

APPLICATION:

1..... There is a mystery here; Why do

the wicked prosper? The sacred author makes it clear that God does permit this at times for a purpose. He gave them goodness to lead them to repentance. Rom.2:4

but they refused, rather it strengthened them in their false security and ripened them for judgment. There was no stable government after Jeroboam's death.

Within twenty years Israel was taken captive

2..... The snare of prosperity - Many men have reserve courage to cope with disaster and hardship. Few however, have the spiritual stamina to experience a long period of good fortune and remain uncorrupted by greed, pride, spiritual apathy.

II

THE SINS OF ISRAEL AND THEIR PUNISHMENT

AMOS 8: 4 - 10

A Their sins, 8: 4-6

1. To enrich oneself at the expense of the poor.

2. A perfunctory observance of religious days. They worshipped idols and observed the Mosaic law after a fashion as well.

3. DISHONESTY in weights and measures and prices. All this condemned in

Deut. 25: 13 - 16. THOSE WHO HAVE NO PURITY HAVE NO HONESTY. The last days of our age are similar, James 5: 1 - 6

B..... THEIR PUNISHMENT, V 7 - 10

It is outward and inward, temporal and spiritual.

1. God will not forget them V 7

2. Land tremble and people mourn, V 8

3. Signs in heaven - similar to Day of the Lord, Joel 2: 2...3: 15; Matt. 24:29,30
Law of double reference:

Near future partian fulfilment - Sargon of Assyria, 722 B C. Remote future complete fulfilment - Day of the Lord when Christ comes again.

III

THE FAMINE OF THE WORD OF GOD, V 11. Since they despised His word through the prophets when it was brought to them, they were to know the cessation of all prophetic communication. This is divine retribution for such opposition to the truth as seen in Israel for hundreds of years. History is repeating itself in our day.

Conclusion..The analogy between Jeroboam's day and ours is frightening. There is such a close similarity in the political, economic, religious and spiritual areas. IS AMERICA RIPENING FOR JUDGEMENT LIKE A basket of fruit, Amos 8: 1 - 3?

Oct 8.

Amos - Gods Spokesman for Justice

Amos 1: 1 7: 7-17

L. T. Amos 3: 8b "The Lord hath spoken,
who can but prophesy"

Place: Zekoa - home of Amos; 11 miles
south of Jerusalem in the southern
kingdom of Judah.

Bethel 12 mi. no. west
of Jerusalem, in the northern
kingdom of Israel.

Theme: Here a true prophet
refused to be silent concerning
what God told him to declare
to his nation.

Introduction:

Amos was just a humble layman
from an obscure home.

Economically and socially
he was probably not very high
on the scale. But God
passed over others with
much greater advantages - and
called Amos - because:

● he knew God -

the Word of God &
obeyed the Will of God -

He was not afraid to face
men, who were cowards,

with no convictions such as he had - but he had the urge within - to call others to repent & enjoy this life of peace & security that he enjoyed with God -

The Prophet's Background -

Amos 1:1 7:14, 15

Only "Amos" in the Old Test.

A name means burden -
He had a "burden" from the Lord which had to be discharged with haste & courage regardless of opposition -

Fathers name not known - probably from humble, obscure family -

B His Occupation 7:14
Not a prophet - nor son of prophet.
Sheep tender - gatherer of sycamore fruit.

Untutored -

By birth a morally noble - healthy & vigorous man -

● he developed into a religious reformer - supremely concerned for the rights of God & for justice -

C. His Vocation -

"The Lord took me - said go
prophecy unto ~~my~~ my people
Israel -"

He was not bound to any
Bishop or ecclesiastical order

Read I Cor. 1: 26-28

The wise man of the ages finds
the direction in which God
is moving & moves in that
direction"

III

The Prophet's Vision 7: 7

Ch. 7 begins the 3rd division
of the book of Amos

Consists of -

5 Visions

a picture is worth 1,000
words - These are Word
Pictures - By terse
phrases, Amos was able
to translate for his
hearers - and readers some of
his deepest experiences
with God.

The Prophet's Vision in V 1 —

Grosshoppers — or locusts —

Amos entreated God —

and He withheld judgement —
Fire would have dried up the
waters & eaten up the land —

Amos interceded again —

V 5: Judgement withheld —

Ch 7: — 7-9 — is the vision of the
Plumbline. Perpendicular
measuring line. Read 7-9

God said He would not pass them by.

No entreaty by Amos —

Judgment is certain

This vision gives us the
reason for Israel's destruction —

moral wickedness

The builder — God — stands over
a wall — Sargel — and uses the
plumbline — his righteousness —
the divine standard.

The wall is found
sagging — out of plumb —
it must come down.

House of Jeroboam V 9.

Ful filled — II Kings 15: 10

1. God is a judge to whom we
must give account —
2. God has a pattern of
excellency — plumbline.

He is not judging by eye:
not an educated guess.
That pattern is seen in
the living word & written
word. By it we are
all out of sync. There
is none righteous — no
not one — We are
weak sinners, enemies
of God. But He justifies us
declares us righteous by
faith without the deeds of
the law. Rom 3: 28
Romans 5: 6 - 10

III
The Prophets Opposition - 10-17
Historical parenthesis
among the visions &
have here one of the most
dramatic episodes to be
found in all the annals
of Israel.

The principle actors are
a false Priest — Amaziah and
a ragged farmer — Amos.

A — Amaziah's message
to Jeroboam v. 10-11 12 13
10-13

B- Amaziah's message to Amos

7: 12 - 13

Revelation of the corrupt character
of the priest — who had no
concern for God — His only
concern was the well being of the
King & this was for his own
selfish personal gain —
This = Religious opposition =
Church & State

~~see~~ Read: Booknotes

IV

The Prophets had reply
by contrast with Amaziah —
what a brave man Amos was

A. was not a prophet by choice,
education, nor gain — but
by divine influence

Like Peter — "We must
obey God rather than man"
Amos did not retract
his statements — rather
intensified them and
directed his judgments
to Amaziah

Conclusion: Article in Booknotes

In our day — so much
cowardly compromising religion
we need men like Amos
who are bold & fearless to
withstand attacks of ungodly men —

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"The Lord of History"

Amos 1: 2-5: 2: 4-8 9: 7-8

Time: About 760 B.C.

Place: Amos spoke at Bethel, 12 mi.

No. West of Jerusalem -

G.T. Psa. 47: 8

The sovereignty of God is not a popular theme today - "God is dead" opposite that we have a lesson on the Lord of History - We should have the courage to base our beliefs on the Word of God & not man's reasonings.

Some people have said history is "His Story" - True we can learn much from history concerning God & His dealings with man.

It is a well known fact that God works among His covenant people - Israel. But sometimes we forget that He also works among the heathen.

Our lesson today emphasizes both of these truths -

God had chosen the Jews to be a special people who would serve him - receive and perpetuate His revelation, & be an example to surrounding nations. They forgot that with this selection there was primary responsibility & then privilege.

We see in today's lesson have
greatly they failed.

Consequently judgment
is certain. That final
as we see in Amos 9: 11-15
Israel still has a bright day
coming.

Same principle applies today -
God deals corporately
with nations & His people - the Church -
And individually with sinners
and saints -

God had a peculiar relationship to His chosen people...

Exodus 19: 5 - 7

Romans 9: 4, 5

God gave to Israel special revelations of His moral law in the Ten Commandments...

He gave to the **PRIESTHOOD** certain ritualistic and ceremonial laws and also a sacrificial system pointing to the promised **MESSIAH**.

Because of these special revelations... Israel had special responsibilities, which if she kept . was followed by special privileges and blessings.....

But God's working with His chosen people did not mean that ^{He} did not work among other nations of old. **HE WAS THEN AS NOW THE LORD OF HISTORY.**

He, as CREATOR... placed certain moral requirements on all of His creatures... He judged sin, not only in His own people but also in the heathen nations.

THE SAME PRINCIPLE APPLIES TODAY...

God deals with sin in the saint... as well as in the ~~sinner~~ sinner...

In the case of His own... He chastens them as sons NOW. I Cor. 11: 30, 32....

Heb. 12: 5 - 11

reserving judgment of their works for the future...

The issue then will be reward or loss of reward..

II Cor. 5: 10

CASE OF THE UNSAVED.. God punishes them in part now.... reserving eternal punishment for the future on the basis of their works in this life...

REV. 20: 11 - 15

Amos 1: 2-5

I

● The Lord punishes the Nations.
A. v. 2 - Source of judgment -
"Thus says the Lord -" was repeated many times. The prophet was not expressing his own ideas but those of the righteous Judge.

"Mt Zion - Jerusalem"
A reminder that Israel's sin was not in dividing - but in setting up a false religion. When they stopped coming to Jerusalem - they stopped worshipping God.

This was the cause of all the evils which followed
"habitations of shepherds" in the south

Mt Carmel in the north
All of Israel is coming under judgment.

● B. Denunciation of Damascus.
Capital of Syria. 1: 3-5
Observe Amos' method of prophesying. He begins with
with seven prophecies -

Concerning other nations
before he got to Israel.

The first 3:

Damascus

(Capital of Syria)

Gaza - Philistine Cap -

Tyre - in Phoenicia

Are

heathen nations noted for their
oppression of Israel.

Then Amos speaks against 3
nations - Related to Israel -

Edom - descendants of Esau

#2 Ammon: descendants of Lot &

#1 Moab: his daughters -

Gen. 19: 31 - 38.

Then in 7th place Amos
comes closer to home - &
pronounces judgment
against Judah, Israel's
neighbor to the south.

By this method Amos
won a hearing from the
hostile crowd of Israelites
at Bethel. Said "Amen"
to each denunciation ??
In this way it was difficult

to reject the 8th judgment
directed against Israel itself.

In v3. "For 3 transgressions -"
money - their cup of iniquity was
full and they were ripe for
judgment - God had to punish
them - He must punish sin -

1. The Charge v3 .

The sins the prophet alluded
to were crimes of such horror
as to shock everyone who
possessed any sense of humanity.

Openly flouted God's law &
as ~~described~~ inscribed
in the hearts of men - written
upon the human conscience -

Isa. 2: 15
The sins alluded to were those
committed chiefly against the
Covenant people of God. These
sins were not committed in
ignorance - they were wilful
and deliberate acts of defiance
against the Lord -

Syria - or Damascus - is
mentioned because, palace of King
was there - center of government.

Damascus - one of the oldest
existing cities in the world.
As early as Abraham's day
2000 B.C. - it was a city of
commercial importance.

Gen 15: 2
located - fertile plain -
watered by 2 rivers Orontes
Pharpar - these rivers were
fed by snows of Mt. Herman
& the Anti-Lebanon mountains.

Located on one of the main
commercial arteries running
from east to west & south.

Its Wealth Beauty Power
led it into many sins.
Most grievous sins were against
Israel.

Through His servant Amos - God
told them they must face judgment
Divine judgment

4/ The Judgment v. 4, 5

God not only specified the
sin of the nations against His
Covenant people but He
specified the particular
punishment that He would mete

cut upon the nations that persecuted
Israel - * *

The Lord Chastens ^{II} Judah &
Israel 2: 4 & 8. A. Judah 4,5
2: 4,5 1. The charge:

a. ^{to} Despising and breaking Moses'
law & ^{to} worshiping of idols. ^{Psalm 40: 4}

The nations were judged
for breaking law of man -
& nature - ^{but}

Judah - for breaking law of
Moses & God's law.

2- Judgment: Fire -
war and destruction -
Fulfilled by Nebuchadnezzar
in 586.

Lessons

a. God is no respecter of
persons. His judgment falls
upon heathen & His own
people in apostasy.

If Judah's sin was
great - how much
greater is ours!

* The same fact will be true of
the nations that persecute

Israel in the last days preceding
her establishment in kingdom
blessings. *Zechariah 1: 14-20*

Judgment of nations must
take place before Israel
can be restored to God's favor
and — all because of their
ill treatment of Israel.

Joel 3: 11-14
Matt 25: 31-46
Rev. 19: 11-21

2. Good order of events —

The Word of God is spurned
& rejected — then God's people
fall into idolatry —
lying — popular Terrors — cults,
etc —

Romans 1: 25 — 28

V 4. We must not follow the fathers
in their error — We must follow
Word of God —

B- Israel 2: 6-8

1. Charges:

a. Corruption of justice v 6.

b. Oppression of Poor. v. 7a.

c. Religious immorality - 7b-8

Father & son visited some
temple prostitute. Cloths
held in pledge used as beds
for immoral purposes

III
The Good Works in History —

1. Impossibility of escaping the
judgment *9: 1, 8*
9: 2-4

2. The ability of God to punish 5, 1
 3. The equality of God in judgment v. 7
 4. The transition from judgment to hope.
- 9: 11-15

1. God will judge sinners -

Someone has suggested that history is "His story"

True? We may learn much from history concerning God and His dealings with man.

The God of the O.T. is the God of the N.T.

God never changes -
As we learn more about God we can worship Him in a more acceptable way.

The God who declared He would judge a sinful pagan nation will do the same today.

And if this is true of nations, then He will also judge people individually. God is righteous & just.

He is the Judge of the universe and He must punish sinners.

2. Last judgments assure us
of future judgments.

God that judgment
upon the Syrians &
he assured God will
bring judgments upon
all sin & sinners.

God who sent a flood
& who destroyed Sodom
& Gomorrah will
bring judgment upon
all sinners in the
future.

God would have never
allowed his Son to die for
the sins of the world if
there were no hell.
Sinners laugh today
at the thought of ~~that~~
a future judgment.

Not enough sermons
are preached to warn
people about a Christless
eternity, but that does
not change the fact
that there is a hell
and those who die without
Christ will spend

eternity there -
II Thess. 1: 8, 9

3/ God's patience is not
to be interpreted
as divine weakness.

Too many sinners think
that because they are
not punished immediately
after they sin - they will
never be judged.

I think they can sin
& get away with it -

God is a God of
great love. His will
is that all men should
repent & turn to Him.
He is very patient, merciful,
long-suffering, & not
willing that any should
perish.

He is longing for
sinners to repent.

Don't misinterpret
God's patience.

God doesn't always
pay on Sat. night -
He will later face
charges.

4. God will also judge His Own People -

Heb. 12: 5-11

warns that God will
punish his own children,
as an earthly father
does - He warns that
His Chastening will make
the believer a stronger
Christian.

No Christian will ever be
judged as a criminal at
the judgment bar of God,
the great white throne. No

Christ took our judgment
upon the cross. Christ took our
judgment upon the cross,
& our sins are forever gone.

God judged the pagan nation

" " Judah - his own
likewise He judges Christians
but in a different way from
way He will deal with

sinners.

Daily chastening is
for their own good.

Christians ^{are} judged as stewards

to determine if they receive
rewards. This will be
"judgment seat of Christ."
II Cor. 5: 10

This judgment will take
place in heaven
after the rapture of
the church.

5] There is no excuse for
anyone ever being
lost - God has made a way
of escape - on the
cross. no one need
be judged as a lost
sinner.

David

Solomon

Nathan

Jehoiakim

Jehoiachin ("Coniah")
(+ Chron. 3:16)

Matt 1:11

Luke 3:21

Matt 1:1

"Heili"

Joseph

"Son of"

"Son-in-law"

Mary

Luke 3:21

Matt. 1:

Jesus

"The King To Be"
Luke 3:21

Courage: Psa. 23: 4

A sheep need courage - but not to fight -
A sheep cannot fight - she has
nothing to fight with.

The sheep needs courage - Not
to fight the Lion - but to trust the
shepherd.

It takes more courage to
trust the Shepherd than it does
to fight the Lion.

We are not equipped with a single
solitary thing with which to fight.

Into this situation comes the
Lord Jesus Christ & offers himself
to every believer as a shepherd
who is sufficient for every
emergency and danger of life.

It takes courage to leave the lion
to the shepherd!

How often we allow the frightening things
of life to interrupt our feeding in
the green pastures! We get so afraid,
- we square off for action!

Don't do it! You are whipped before
you begin. Go ahead & eat and
drink and let the Shepherd do
the fighting.

Eph 2: 1-10 ~~Romans~~ - 8: 1-11 I Peter 1: 13-25

G.T " But God commendeth His love toward us, in that , while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us". Romans 5: 8

Law of gravity.. pulls all physical objects toward the earth. Airplane... load it with luggage.. people get on.. file in... fill it up. Say "It just can't take off it will never leave the ground... but it does... in a few minutes you are flying up there above the clouds. Reason?? There is a power that overcome the law of gravity. This power is greater than the power of gravity.

So is the spirit of divine life in Christ able to deliver us from the powers that were previously holding us earthward. We no longer walk pleasing self but the Saviour. We seek not to please self but our Lord.

Read our newspapers... what do you see??? Murder.. Assault.. Embezzlement.. Robbery... PEOPLE ARE AFFLICTED WITH A MORAL SICKNESS What is the remedy??? All of these things we see and hear about are symptoms.. Are we going to treat symptoms?? No. You cannot isolate a man's problem from the man himself If you see only the problem and fail to see the man, you will never truly help him. A good doctor treats both the sickness and his patient.

So God does not merely treat cases of sin.. He redeems Sinners!!! Man needs regeneration - redemption. The Source.. The Motive.. the Means... The Purpose and Outcome of this regeneration or redemption is the subject of our lesson today.

The { Source
Motive
Means
Purpose
Outcome

is the subject
of our lesson.

Satan's plan to overthrow man is defeated in that in Christ Jesus human beings are now raised to the very throne of Christ Himself - and can NEVER FALL.

^{Adam}
Had lived sinless until now there would still always have been the possibility of a fall. Now those those who are in Christ Jesus can never fall. Praise God where sin abounded Grace did much more abound. ' It's Satan who brings disaster darkness, sin, sickness, death...When Adam and Eve listened to the voice of Satan instead of God - they did what every human sinner has tried to do ever since..they tried to hide their sins themselves.... by the work of their own hands. Fig leaf aprons. but the work did not satisfy themselves... because they still could not stand in God's presence. They were doomed and knew it.

We see the love of God - there is Gospel in Genesis. It is full of the love of God, full of the shed blood of God, - full of the mercy of God. ATONEMENT is shown for the first time in God's own provision for his fallen creature BLOOD flows for the FIRST time and stains the earth... it is shed by an innocent ~~x~~ victim to provide a covering for a guilty creature.

The BLOOD is shed by God, the ROBE supplied by God and therefore SATISFACTORY to God and hides the sinners shame. Here we are FIRST taught that WITHOUT THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD THERE IS NO REMISSION OF SIN.

I WHAT EVERY MAN IS BY NATURAL BIRTH..

Ephesians 2: 1-3

Man was created in the image of God...
given dominion over the earth... lost
this by sinning. Eph. 2 describes man's
condition by physical birth and then
shows by contrast how God creates a new man
by faith in Christ.

- A. His condition v I
dead in ~~tres~~passes and sins.. Separate
from God.
- B. His Characteristics v. 2,3
WALKING ..according to the course of
this world
CONTROLLED by the spirit of Satan
DOMINATED by the desires of the flesh
- C. The Consequence, 2c.. 3b....
Sons of disobedience; sons of wrath

II WHAT A MAN BECOMES BY FAITH IN CHRIST:

Eph. 2: 4-10

"But God"

- A. The Motive v 4 "But God..rich..
- B THE REDEMPTION v 5..He brought
back to and for Himself lost men...
"Made us alive together with Christ
"raised us up with Him
"seated us with Him....

C... THE PRICE, the basis of our redemption, I Peter 1: 18-21
SALVATION is BOTH FREE AND INFINITELY COSTLY
The Great Society... Big Rock Candy Mountain Honey...free lunches... on Big Rock Candy Mountain" etc... Paul Harvey "The Pres. sang it again about the great society."
Tax payer must pay .. for relief check, which are not taxable....

FOR us REDEMPTION is free gift.. all we have to do is Accept it. Other religions are characterized by DO... Christianity is "DONE"

"redeemed".. bring back; ransome, free
"Conversation..not talk, but WALK:
it speaks of a manner of life.

"Foreordained before foundation of world.." Man's fall into sin did not take God by surprise. Before man realizes his need God has made provision for it to be met.

D THE PURPOSE OF REDEMPTION..Eph 2: 6

1. Show in the FUTURE the supreme riches of his grace V 7
2. Show NOW the manifold wisdom of God to principalities and powers.

Eph. 3:10

3. For Good Works 2:10
4. That we perish not Jn 3:16

E. The Condition - V 8

"By grace" - Redemption is unmerited favor
"Not of yourselves" - "Not by Work"
No personal merit involved

"From Paradise to Paradise -
such is the path of mankind
according to God's all-loving
plan. Created for life and
prosperity, for peace and joy,
man longs to return to the
gates of his homeland, but
between the gates of the first
and the second paradise stands
the 'mediator, the man from
heaven,' the 'man Christ Jesus',
the Saviour of the world.

He is already your Saviour.
Between the garden of the first and
the second paradise, there
lies another - that quiet
garden - the garden of
Bethsemane, where Jesus
sought the face of His Father
for you and me.

Between the rivers of Eden,
which watered the whole earth,
and the river of life above,
beautiful and clear as crystal,

Flows the stream from His
side; His blood which
He shed for sinners on
the cross. This blood
is the price paid for all.
Gaining the riches of
heaven for all.

Only by faith will the
work of the Redeemer become
yours.

Between the trees of the first
and second Paradise there
stands, silent and sublime,
that other tree, the tree
of shame, the accursed tree
of the cross, upon which
Christ hung. From this cross
God stretches out His hand to
the lost wanderer in the
wilderness, longing to bring
him back for ever from
his own ways to the heavenly
homeland.

The sinner may find his
place of rest at the Cross -
"Blessed are they that long for home, for
they shall reach home."

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Noel and I are planning a church wedding - it going to be different. We are going to keep it as much like a church service ~~as possible~~ as we can with all the emphasis on Christ and the church and not on a bunch of sentimental stuff. We plan to have congregational singing and responsive reading. The choirs are going to sing instead of a soloist. We are going to have a 39 min. organ concert before the wedding and stick to classical music written for the church. We are not going to use the old, worn out traditional wedding marches either. We may get run out of town but this is one wedding everybody is going to remember. and, oh yes, we are not going to have flowers hanging around everywhere and rows and rows of candles sitting on everything. Only enough flowers for a regular church service ~~and~~ will be used and only two candles ~~labras~~. We want to keep it dignified. The processional is going to be the hymn.. "The Church's One Foundation"

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Acts Chapter 27 - Divided into 5 parts

Read Section I vs. 1-13.

"we" Luke - who was with him until the last.
Aristarchus - one of Paul's converts from
Macedonia - who was an outstanding
witness for Christ -

Paul - this man of God wherever you
find him - seems to be master of the
situation - He was brought before
Governors and Kings as a
prisoner - but he was master of
the situation - he was never "under
the circumstances"

(Paul - Silas)

Felix - Festus - Agrippa -

On board this ship - storm
came up - The crew &
soldiers were taking orders
from Paul - He uses God's
name for the occasion -

Section II vs. 14 - 20

Storm - tied the ship as
best they could trying to hold
it together - Finally had
to cast out the tackling of the
ship to lighten the load -
Paul helped do this work. v 19

The sun and stars were hidden
for many days as the storm
grew more - (They had to
let the ship go where the wind)
all hope was gone that they
should be saved -

Section III 21 - 29

Now the next section of this Ch. is our
lesson

Acting on Faith in Christ

Acts 27:1-28:16 —

Introduction - 1-20.

Faith Inspiring Courage: 21, 22

Faith inspires courage to meet the greatest crises in life. -
 How did they chart their course? Stars & Sun! -
 Storm drove ship off course - & this sunny day
 & stars by night - so mariners had
 no way to locate position or
 chart their course.

14 days these sailors had been too sick
 & distraught to eat -

They did everything they knew to save
 themselves - but no good -
 They had given up - In this hour
 of darkness - Paul's courage &
 faith in God came to the rescue.

They were willing to listen now
 before they didn't pay any
 attention to Paul's suggestion.
 Now Paul didn't blurt out
 "I told you so" but he spoke
 with the authority of faith -
 v. 21 - "you should have listened"
 but he follows with a statement
 of hope -

4
How did Paul know what was
going to happen? Where had he
been & what had he been doing?
v. 20?

Faith enables one to inspire
Courage & good Cheer to
others. (22a)

Paul had been off praying
and God had sent an angel
to speak to him - v. 23.

The key to Paul's ^{life} ~~secret~~ is
not his Commission, but his
life relationship.

3 = couplets of

3 = words & seem to lead
us into this secret -

1. "I believe God" - v. 25
2. "Whom I am" -
3. "Whom I serve" - v. 23

Oh they dig out of that -
(This is what makes Christ real
in your life -)

Paul could say to these representatives of the
Roman Empire - I belong to most high God.
He sent his angel to me - You couldn't see him
You had eyes only for the storm & the ship
The man of God can see things men of world can never see

v25 Wherefore:

Paul didn't know which island
evidently but knew they would
be saved.

People today are refusing to
listen to God's prophets - who are
warning of doom to come -
unless they turn to the
Saviour. America
seems to have gone mad!

There is still hope
because we are in the
day of grace - but will
people wake up in time.

These people - The
ship's Captain & crew -
lost their cargo & ship
before they would listen!
Why do my people suffer
so much before God can
speak to us -

Paul told them their lives
would be saved but
no thing else Physical salvation -
v. 27 - 29 -

~~Waited until morning.~~

All of these events speak of the sovereignty
of God. Paul was to go to Rome &
remember!

Section 4: 30-36

Interesting event - Paul again is master of the situation and tells the soldiers & the Centurion - They cut the ropes →

v. 33. Paul now appoints himself Chief steward and says "Come on now & eat & you are going to be saved - but you need food - Sailors =

They had probably been too frightened to eat

Paul returned thanks before them all -

They ate & were of good cheer -

Part 5: when they had eaten they cast the wheat into the sea.

The Centurion had learned early in this trip that he had no ordinary prisoner in Paul - Paul was a seasoned traveller - Educated - Wise leader.

Man of God - Centurion was his friend & wanted to save his life - so all prisoners were turned loose & swim & hold on to wreckage. *Dr Luke was well versed in sea travel too from his terminology.*

God's Word was fulfilled -
The men were saved because they 7.
obeyed God's representative -
God has given us the way of
salvation - we must accept.
If we do not meet the conditions!

Acts 28: 1-16

Luke 18: 27 -

God's Word produces Faith -
Consistent obedience to God -
Prayer

Abraham believed God Roman 4: 20, 21
If Timothy 1: 12 = Paul's assurance.

Promises:

Isa. 41: 10

John 14: 13, 14

Phil. 4: 13, 19

" 4: 6, 7

Jeremiah 33: 3

Acts 28 - 5 Distinct Divisions

I

28: 1-10

Acct. of Paul & his companions at Melita - or Malta -

The 276 on the wrecked ship sworn to share here -

Kindness of the natives - "viper"
Governor's reception of Paul & his companions for 3 days -

Paul heals Publius' father -
Heals others on the island -

II

vs. 11-16 After 3 mos. - They departed
in a ship of Alexandria which had
spent the winter at Malta - named
"Quir Brothers"

Landed at Syracuse - stayed 3 days
Came to Rhegium - after one day
south wind blew - next day they
came to Puteoli.

They found brethren there
stayed 7 days with them - then
went to Rome -

Some of the brethren came to
meet Paul from as far as the
Appian Way Forum (43 miles)
and the Three Taverns - 35 miles
from Rome -

This encouraged Paul -

III

vs 16 - 22 - Paul's first interview with the Jewish leaders in Rome - who were fair-minded

Paul had no malice against his brethren who would have persecuted him had he not appealed to Caesar - These leaders were willing to listen -

IV

vs. 23 - 29 :

They sit a day - in which many come to listen to Paul from AM - PM -

Hear Paul expounding to them the Kingdom of God - He told of their Messiah who had come - His resurrection from dead - etc - Set Him at right hand Father on high -

So messenger of Christ is to call upon men to bow down to this Saviour in repentance & own Him as Saviour & Lord,

If they shall confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus & shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him



Up to the last Paul preached the same message that he has carried thru the world during the 30 yrs before - He lifted up the Lord Jesus Christ to a lost world -

We have seen as we studied Acts - how in very first Chapt. Jesus outlined his program Acts 1:8
"He shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost & ye shall be ~~my~~ witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem - & in all Judea - & in Samaria, & unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

First statement of our Lord - His marching orders -

In the beginning Peter & the rest of the apostles bore witness in Jerusalem - then that witness went into Judea - & then stopped for a time - no difficulty going to their own brethren but reluctant to go to the gentiles

a deacon - Phillip who finally had courage to go to Samaria Peter & John cont - work there

Peter had to have a
special revelation before
he would go to gentiles -

from the dead. then shalt
he sayed " We are proclaim-
ing the Kingdom of God if
we preach this to people -

Paul began at the
Prophets - Law of Moses
on down to the fulfillment
of these prophecies
Must have been wonderful!

Some believed - Some did not.

His closing word to these Jews was
vs 25 - 28 (from Isa. 6: 9, 10)

Jesus used same words Mark 4: 11, 12

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● Part V 30, 31

Thus closes Luke's account -
Again we shall fill in more
details when we see Paul
in Heaven -

Historical records have come
down to us telling us that
after 2 years Paul came
before Caesar & was cleared
of the charges of sedition
brought by the Jews in Jerusalem.

And that he was set free
and went about preaching
& ministering to ^{some} the churches
and reaching as far as Spain -
He wrote to Titus about
this time -

Whether Paul's liberation was due
to the friendship of the Centurion
or further information from Caesarea -
we do not know - but the
Lord Jesus had plans for
Paul - so God can do anything
for His own -

Paul would certainly visit
Philémon - & Ch. at Callasae -

To Ephesus - Macedonia
Philippi - Greece - Corinth
He sailed with Titus for Crete -
left him there to get that Ch
in order Titus 1:5. Paul intended
to winter in Nicopolis. (Titus 3:12) Christians
64 AD - Burning of Rome - accused
Paul was staying at Troas
in house of Carpus - his
arrest was so sudden he left
his cloak & precious parchments
& books - He wrote (Rom - 4:13)
for these -

Only Luke was with him
this time - Scaevola & Sarraun
was ahead for the Christians
of Caesarea Paul was too
important to over-look

He was in a dungeon this time -
His friends had been scattered or he
had sent some on important missions

"Only Luke is with me"

lonely old man - whose
last message was to Timothy
I wish we could all come to
the close of our lives with this
testimony -

~~#~~ Timothy 4: 6-8

Quote from Dr. J. B. Meyer -

"Do not fret at the limitations &
disabilities of your life. They
are required as the makeweight,
& constitute your opportunity.
Storm & shipwreck, Centurion &
sea-captain, soldier & feller, Caesar
and home - all are part of the
plan, all work together for good,
all are achieving God's ideal,
and making you wholy, in
your best hour, you have
asked to become -"

up to the

Lessons this final quarter taken from the minor Prophets -

3 offices in O.T. fulfilled by Christ in N.T.
They represent:

Man's need = & - God's supply.
Man needs:

A King - to make him obey because of his sinfulness.

A Priest - to intercede for him because of his sinfulness.

A Prophet - to reveal God's will to him because of his blindness.

All of these - man has in Christ

A Prophet - to be understood in a broad sense

He is a forthteller & a fore-teller;
one who Proclaims the truth

and one who predicts coming events
II Peter 1: 20, 21

12 Minor Prophets - minor from the standpoint of size of the books not in value or importance of the books.

Isaiah has 66 Chapters - Obadiah!

Minor Prophets cover some ground historically as the Book of Kings and Chronicles. This period of the Kingdom is recorded 3 times;

Royal Record - Samuel & Kings
Priestly Record - Chronicles -
Prophetical - Prophets -

Amos - The Burden Bearer, The
Prophet of our lesson today, was
born in Tekoa of Judah -
humble parents on a farm.
He was layman called of God

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WHEN PROPHETS ARE NEEDED... II Kings 14:
AMOS 8: 4 - 11 23 - 27

"Surely the Lord God will do nothing,
except he revealeth his secret unto his
servants the prophets" Amos 3: 7
PLACE:

II Kings: Samaria, the capital of the
northern kingdom.

AMOS: - Bethel in Israel; city in which
he prophesied.

HAMATH - 120 miles north of Damascus on
river Orontes

TEKOA - AMOS 1: 1 six miles south of
Jerusalem in Judah

SEA OF THE PLAIN - the Dead Sea

GATH-HEPHER - 3 miles north east of
Nazareth.

DATE: Reign of Jeroboam II 790-750 BC
Amos' ministry 765-755 B C.

OUTLINE of BOOK OF AMOS. The name means
bearer

Intro. 1: 1, 2

I. Eight "Burdens" *Judgments* Chs. 1 and 2

II. Three Sermons, Chs. 3 - 6

III. Five Visions, Chs. 7 - 9:10

IV. The Promise 9: 11-15

Introduction:

Prov. 29: 1 In the same way, Israel, t
the northern kingdom, had been warned
over and over again that if she did not
turn from her sins to God and righteous
living, God would destroy her. She
refused to harken and was destroyed in
722 B C. by the Assyrians.

Our lessons for this final quarter are
taken from what are generally known as
the Minor Prophets.

I The Necessity of Persevering Prayer

Lu 18: 1-8

a) Persevering prayer - necessary
to shield against discouragement
wicked world - need God's v.l.
sustaining grace through
fellowship with God -

b) Pers Prayer: necessary
because it is proper response
to urgent need. 18: 2, 3

widow - instead of giving up
in hopeless despair - went to
judge for justice -

Lords people suffer wrong & opposition
ungodly world - only recourse
against disheartenment is
importunate prayer to the
Lord. who will answer in
grace with help -

c) Perser Prayer - necessary because
of wicked opposition to truth
and righteousness 18: 4

Dishonest judge - apathy to
rights or wrong - or else
in league with evil group

Frequently Conflict against
world - flesh & the devil
very severe - have to
stand - refuse to retreat
because of your union with
Christ -

d) P. because it assures
that there will be an answer
to the need presented. v. 5, 6
Lord encourages us to
pray not faint - God's elects
are objects of His love and
concern -

We need His protection
from foes on outside -
and our attitudes on the
inside

e) His Prayer - is necessary
because God sometimes delays
the answer - 18: 7-8a.

God's patience toward our
enemies - in order that
they might be saved
We should pray for those
who have done us
wrong.

Be assured vindication will
come - though delayed -

1) Perse Prayer: because its
nurture & sustains faith
Despite all had said -
Prayer will be neglected!
Prayerlessness - forerunner
of the apostate church 18:86

II James 1: 1-9

Per. 3: 14-22

II 2: 1-12

II
The Fallacy of Insincere
Prayer. 9-12

a. Insincere prayer -
dictated by self - trust 9-10

b. Insinc. prayer focuses
attention upon self. 11a

c. Produces contempt for others
11. b

d. Devoid of any sense of
spiritual need 12.

~~Sincere~~ ^{III} Prayer Effectual →

13-14

a. Dictated by humility &
deep sense of spiritual need

b. Depends upon sacrifice
of Christ - Heb 9:5

c. Finds acceptance with
God.

How Shall we Pray?

Luke 18: 1-19: 27

Many people do not pray -
 Serious sin

Many pray wrong way
 with wrong motives.

Gods people must learn
 to pray - in the right way
 and right spirit -

Model prayer: Luke 11:
 Lord instructs us that
 right praying begins with
 in worship & with adoration.

Prayer is NOT:

merely religious ritual -
 not "part of Order of Worship"

Not service by which we gain
favor with God -

Not pious repetition of lovely
phrases - religious words -

Not merely a matter of religious
duty -

Prayer may involve some
of these things but true
prayer is something far
higher than any of these.

There are 3 stages or aspects
to prayer -

Petition, Communion -
Intercession

1. Petition - something that is primarily individual.

Come to God with my personal needs - make my requests known to Him on basis of His promises -

2. Communion is more than individual; it involves something mutual.

Communion is fellowship.

Soul of man in contact - in fellowship with the very heart of God.

3. Intercession goes still farther: reaches out to others: - to other Christians & to the whole world around us.

Petition: request, appeal, also means craving. P. is a supplication - entreaty - plea. Prayer is Petition - making our requests known to God. Plea of a soul to deity.
This is usually the first step in praying.

When prayer gets down to
this simple Biblical
level - we can make it real
in our lives & we can be bold
prayers.

Psa. 34: 15 Psa 94: 9

Conditions?

1. Must be a child of God
2. Ask in Jesus Name
3. Faith
4. Do not regard iniquity in
my heart
no unconfessed sin

Man Under Judgment

Luke 20: 9-18 (Matt 21: 33 —

Mark 12: 1-12

Man Sin Illustrated:

a man sin centers in the rejection of the claims of Christ & His Authority - 20: 9a

Religious leaders question Christ's Authority. He knew the rebellion of their hearts - He laid bare their sins by giving them a test question.

20: 4
They knew baptism of John was divine but would not believe the message of John Baptist.

9b. God's manifested love & mercy

9c. Yet man sinned.
Failed in his duty -

"The Failure of Israel"

Merely speaking Israel was God's disappointment -

O.T. frequently uses vineyard to represent Israel - Isa 5: 1-7

The Ledge - rep. the law which set Israel apart from all other nations -

The Winepress! used to squeeze out juice suggests the promise God expected the Jewish nation to render Him -

The Tower rep. the great temple which was central place of worship for all the people -
"Continued burnt offering"
Something going on all the time - God had made provision for Israel's fruit bearing - had a right to expect good harvest -

God - the Owner:

He had planted Israel as His own peculiar possession -
Gave sign of circumcision to Abraham -

In Egypt - became great people
God sent Moses -

Red Sea - Wilderness to Canaan - 40 years God miraculously sustained them -

Mt Sinai. God gave them the law.
to guide them & show them the
need of a Saviour until Christ
would come.
Using Joshua. Led his people
across Jordan into the
Promised Land. where He
gave them victory over the
heathen inhabitants as long as
Israel had faith that He would
Shiloh - first set up tabernacle
Later - Solomon built
the Temple in Jerusalem -
Dedication -

Lord visibly present cloud of
glory which filled the house.
(I Kings 8: 11 -)

Surely God had a right to expect
much of Israel -

God sent His servants - Prophets
Luke mentions only 3 - Mark 12: 1-2

Many were sent - persecuted
Zechariah - slain at command of
Joash.
Isaiah (tradition) sawn asunder
with a wooden saw. Manasseh

Jeremiah - cast into miry dungeons
John Baptist - beheaded - (non Jewish
ruler) - Herod Antipas -
but rejected by Jewish leaders.
Then came the Son

Mark Gods patience &
mercy -

Any other owner would
have evicted these vine growers
after the first servant returned
wounded. but not this
Owner!

Never has there been such
a time -

Climax - when Beloved Son
came -

Here parable becomes a
prophecy

Gods great love shown ^{also} ~~justice~~
allowed Jewish leaders
to fill measure of their
guilt to bring to demonstration
the awful nature of sin
& the need of fallen man

Jesus read thoughts of these leaders—
to kill Him they would not lose
their position & power over the
nation—

They crucified Him Outside
the Camp— in a vain attempt
to cut Him off from Gods people.

The Judgment on Israel

156-16

Gods judgment always falls upon
mans ripened sin

Gods judgment may be both temporal
& eternal— Eternal for those
who refuse to accept Christ & His
redemption for them on the Cross—

For sours who fell into sin & disobedience
it involves afflictions &
chastisements—

Judgment of works— also—
Laws of rewards— or giving
of rewards for work don—
Believers—

Jewish leaders had internal
dissensions & external
trouble with Rome — led
fall of Jerusalem — &
destruction of Jewish state.
AD 70

Also eternal judgment — since
they were religious but lost.
Passing of spiritual privileges
to the Gentiles.

Gods Salvation Presented

17418
● Selection of many constantly the concern
of Jesus - the grand theme of
the Scriptures. ^{Lord} refers them
to the written word of God -
He quotes from Psa. 118: 22.
The Nation stumbled over His
Coming in the form of a
servant

Eph 2: 20
I Peter 2: 4-7

I Cor 15: 3-4

Judgment & eternal doom must
result from mans rejection
of salvation. 20: 18

Falling on the stone does not hurt
stone but only one falling.

Repentance may bring recovery
but when the rock falls
~~is~~ ^{is} final judgment
upon the condemned.
sinners - recovery is
impossible.
Second death
Rev 20: 11-15

We the Church. enjoy today
the privileges which
were withdrawn from
Israel -

The Kingdom is ours
because the King is
ours -

Don't be puffed up but

Read Rom: 11: 11-27

Be true to your commit-
ments, whether to God or
to man -

God is jealous of His Son
& He will not let Him
despite men & devils

Make Christ the Cornerstone
of your life - or He
will become the
stone of destruction to your
whole edifice -

Devotion to God's Will

Lu. 22: 39-42

Devotion to God's will does not shrink
from danger & death v. 39

Jno 14: 1-17, 26

Jesus' Custom to go into the garden

Lu. 22: 40 - Devotion to God's will faces
severe trials & Testings

Pray - that this trial might not
become a temptation to fall from
their faith in Him.

✓ 41 Devotion to God's will is sustained
by prayer v. 41.

No one else ever faced what Jesus faced
the fact remains that prayer
will enable us to do the
will of God.

No one ever saw or will again see
such agonizing praying as
Jesus experienced in
Gethsemane - His was, supreme
devotion to the Father's will

Devotion to the Father's Will is
on a father-son basis -

Knowledge of the will of God is
a blessing that comes in
salvation. We are saved
to know & do the will of
God for our redeemed lives.

Praying in His humanity our
Lord makes complete
submission to His Father's
will - not a slightest hint
that He could or would
not submit to the Father's
will.

If it is possible for Him
to will - "no thought
of refusing the cup -

Devotion to God's Will is
to be complete.

His words of complete submission
express - not a mere single act
but a course of action.
"Let not my will but Thine
continue to be done"

II

He Prayed for His Foes -

Latin - "Calvary" Luk. 23: 33-34a
Greek = "cranium" Shape of a cranium
(top of a skull)

So great an event - recorded in
so few words - simplicity
& restraint - shows guiding
hand of God.

Keep our minds on the fact of
the crucifixion & not on the
details of this most horrible
& tortuous death.

Garden
In Gethsemane He displayed
"love for God" beyond
measure.

Now - He displayed "love
beyond measure for
fallen sinful men"
as He prayed for
them on the cross -
permitted them to nail
Him to the tree between
two representatives of
fallen humanity.

Love & Concern breathy
astorishing prayers
in the midst of
suffering 23: ~~33~~ 33 - 3X

"Father, forgive them —"

First word that Jesus spoke
on the cross
acting as Intercessor
& High Priest with the Father
On the other hand He did pardon
others - such as the thief - (43)

This prayer was by no
means a plea for pardon
apart from repentance.

It was intercession that the
Father would give these murderers
time to repent & the knowledge
& faith that would result
in pardon.

Acts 13: 27 — 30

I The Fact of the Resurrection Luke 24:1-9

Broke on them gradually - Had the whole wonder & glory broken on the Apostles suddenly - would have overwhelmed & dazed them.

Wise ordered that it should be tempered -

1. The Empty Tomb

Women - spices - 1st day of the week. (Sabbath rest)
Prepare body before deterioration -

Luke records "They found the stone rolled away."

They did not find the body of Jesus. The angel re-
moved the stone to show
that the tomb was empty.

Not to let Jesus out

Our Lord's body itself had been resurrected & same
instant glorified - it passed through the stone - leaving the tomb empty except for the grave wrappings

these were intact as they
had been wrapped -

No human eye saw the
resurrection itself -

Took place within the
sealed tomb but we know
He is risen because He was
seen by so many -

His disciples I and
I Cor. 15: 6

The Angelic Witnesses 24: 4-6a

2 men - dazzling apparel inside
tomb - frightened women -

The Easter Message -

(He is not here - He is risen)

Rejoicing is the order - not tears

His resurrection is His badge
of triumph over death
He has Conq ours

Angel reminds the women
of words of Jesus - which
he had spoken concerning
his death - burial - resurrection

Then they remembered! 8-9
No wonder they ran to tell the
others -

Read Mark 16: 7 -

Go tell - the Disciples & Peter

John 20:

Mary Magdalene -
ran to John & Peter & told
them the Lord had been
taken away -

John but ran Peter, but
didn't go in. Old impetuous
Peter ran in to see -

Lord appeared first to
Mary Magdalene -

7 denials -

So tell you have seen the

Luke 24: 44 -

Every prophecy of life
of Christ - of birth -
death on earth -

Crucifixion - death

Resurrection was
fulfilled -

He is coming again

that prophecy will
be fulfilled on 'the
time & the way it
is prophesied -

Acts 15: 18 -

"Known unto God are all His works
from the beginning of the
world" Acts 15: 18

"Ye are my witnesses"

He promised the Holy Spirit
they would need this power
to proclaim the resurrection
and salvation message.

We worship a living Saviour - not a
dead Christ - He is in heaven
the surety of my salvation -
When ~~I~~ He struggles & falls the
risen Son of God restores me to
grace & power.

Is it any wonder the believer
celebrates Easter every day?
Do not limit this to one time -
fixed by the moon in relation
to the vernal equinox -
Some where from Mar to
April - but we know
resurrection in mid-
summer or mid-winter.

There were other resurrection →

Because of the reality of
the resurrection every
soul will stand before
Jesus Christ -

Some may think they
can stand before him in
their own righteousness
but they cannot.
He will send - into
darkness forever -

But his own again ones
will stand before him
robed in his righteousness
provided through the
atonement of the cross.
His Father must be satisfied
Christ met that for us

Praise his Name -
Because Christ rose from
dead he is our daily
Companion - our ever
present Lord -

Acts 1: 11 - He is coming
again - as he went away
Glorious Day.

The Acts.

Luke's aim - not to write biographies of either Peter or Paul but to give the history of the introduction of Christianity.

He shows how the church is formed & how the work of preaching the Gospel of God's Grace extended from Jerusalem till it reached Rome - going Westward - Luke had in view the history of the church as a whole - the advancement of this great New Test. mystery promised by our Lord in John 10: 16.

The revelation of this new thing - contrasted with Judaism - was given slowly.

It took years for the new believers to be delivered from Jewish thinking - ceremonies, and connections.

The Book of Acts hardly enters into the doctrines of the Christian Faith.

Look for history in Acts - for doctrine in the Epistles & all will prove to be perfectly consistent & harmonious.

Books of N. T. divided into 5 sections corresponding to the first 5 books of O. T.

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Bible begins with the
Pentateuch (first 5 books)

The 4 gospels are the Genesis of the N. T.
Here we have the great beginning - the
foundation upon which the developed
Christian doctrines rest.

Book of Acts - is the Exodus -
God leads out of bondage a heavenly people
& sets them free. It is the great
historical book of the N. T.

given by inspiration - the
beginning of the Church on
earth.

Pauline Epistles - the Leviticus portion.
Holiness unto the Lord - the
believers separation & standing
in Christ.

Redemption purchased by blood
of Christ - are central truths -

Peter → corr. Book of Numbers

James
John
Jude } wilderness journey of God's
people - telling us of trials
& suffering

Revelations: same character as Deuteronomy
God's ways are rehearsed.

& a review given of the entire
prophetic word concerning
the Jews

" Gentiles

" Church of God -

Luke / writer of Acts -

Holy spirit selected a
Gentile to write the gospel (of Luke)
which pictures the Lord as

The man & the Saviour -

Gospel of Luke addressed by
a Gentile to a Gentile
(Theophilus) - is the Gospel

for the Gentiles
and Luke the Gentile was
chosen to give the

history of the Gospel
going forth from
Jerusalem to the Gentiles

Why? Israel had rejected
the good news of salvation.

Acts - falls into 4 great
movements of truth:

1. Prep. for world wide witness: 1: 1-26
- 2- The Witness of the Church in Jerusalem
2: 1-7: 60
- 3 - The Witness of the Ch. in transition
8: 1-12: 25
- 4- The Witness to the Regions beyond
13: 1-28: 31

Our lesson today is wt - P - for WW w -
Our commission of Christ -
Briefing for the operation
to go down -

Luke (& other gospels) tells of "finished work of Christ"
Left other work unfinished.

A witness for Christ is one who
has experienced Christ in his
own life & then goes &
tells another about the
Christ he himself has encountered

Read

definition = I John 1: 1-3

The HS came on Pent
for 2 purposes:
To usher in the new dispensation - Grace.

To baptize into one Body all
believers. They were children
of God - yes. But they were just so
many units - but now when
the Spirit of God came - they
were all baptized into
One Spirit and One Body

They were empowered
for testimony

Languages in Jerusalem -
They must have had a
language of communication
but this miracle was
necessary to show that
God meant the Gospel
message for the whole
wide world - and not
just for the Jews only.

Joel:

Pour out my Spirit on all flesh

The HS did 3 things

1. He filled the house v2
Ch Temple of living God
2. He came upon each believer
Power - life - testimony v3
3. He came into ea believer v4

He seals ea for security
He gives foretaste of eternal
blessing - *for satisfaction*

He Anoints for service

II

In Connection - the Scriptures:

they furnish:

Inspiration: 2 Peter 1: 21

Revelation: 1 Cor. 2: 10

Illumination: 1 Cor 2: 13

As to the ^{III}Past - as a teacher
He brings all things to
remembrance. Job 14: 26

As to the Present - He takes
the things of Christ & shows
them unto us - John 16: 14, 15

As to the Future - He shows
us things to come - John 16: 13

As to the ^{IV}World: He contrasts
of sin - of righteousness
& of judgement
John 16: 8-11

Spirit was accompanied by
3 Phenomena:

Wind Fire - Tongues

We have suggestions as to
the Spirit's Ministry
in Regeneration

Sanctification

Proclamation

Wind Jne 3: 8

Wind - type of the Spirit
Does not always blow
in hurricane force
no ~~two~~ people saved
alike - some experience

Fire: often used in Bible in
connection c purification
or sanctification
Isa 6: 7 Coal fire - took
away iniquity -

Tongues (Many languages)
cursed - tower of Babel
Here God gives the blessed
story to whole world -

4-16-67

The Call to Repentance

Acts 2: 22-24 & 32-39

1. Need for Repentance

I The Need For Repentance:

Israel's Rejection of the Messiah
calls for Repentance:
Acts 2: 22

Peter impressed them with
the spiritual privileges they had
rejected - From Israel had come
forth Christ - God Incarnate -
to be her anointed Saviour -
King & the World's Redeemer.

Have had the chosen nation reacted
toward these privileges?

Have did they react to the
Spirit-filled disciples' witness
& wonderful works.

Peter asked them to repent & accept
the salvation now being offered
through Christ.

Person + Work of Christ was
made clear - Israel's
rejection called for repentance.

1. Mighty works - ^{Acts 2: 22 b.} miraculous power.
2. Wonders - 3. signs - Proofs Peter leaves
no excuse.

Crime of Crucifying Christ -
Cries out for repentance -
2: 23

Two things come together here that
often trouble some people.

First God's predetermined
purpose and wicked man's
free will.

God had predetermined that
His Blessed Son was to come
into the world & give His life
a ransom for ~~sinner~~ sinners.

But God had not predetermined
that men should curse Him -
& spit on Him - & heap every
kind of indignity on Him -
These things were of men
Godlessness led on by
Satan -

Peter by inspiration combines
these two inescapable
phenomena of life -
divine sovereignty &
human free will.

2: 23

I Peter 1: 19-20

Eph. 1: 4-6

Rev. 13: 8 - " - Lamb slain from
the foundation of the world "

He who knows the end from
the beginning foreknew as well
as foreordained the death of His
Son for man's sin. This
did not do away with the
guilt of those who, with free
will, voluntarily chose
to reject Him & bring about
His death. This interplay
of divine sovereignty &
human free will is a
constant paradox of life -
cannot be explained
to our finite minds

Resurrection of Christ emphasizes
the need for repentance -
Acts 2: 24

Death had no claim upon Christ
as it did upon fallen man

because of our Lord's sinless
humanity. He voluntarily
yielded up his physical life
to purchase human
deliverance from death

John 19: 30 As the Son of God
He could ~~perform~~ 10: 17-18 "

The Agent of Conviction -
Acts 32 - 36

The Spirit of God performs
His ministry of conviction
through Christ's Witnesses.
v - 32

Pentecost = Power make
powerful witnesses of the
believers -

Peter declares "Jesus hath God
raised" ① fulfillment of
O.T. prophecy Psa. 16: 8-11
② His & other disciples being
eyewitnesses of the great
event —

2:33-35 Spirit of God performs His
ministry of conviction exactly
as Christ instructed His
disciples He would

Holy Spirit works thru WORD of
God - to convict 2:36

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The Way of Salvation -

2:37 - 39

Conviction of sin prerequisite to salvation. (37)

No one can be saved who does not see that he is lost -

Conviction of sin calls for repentance - 2:38a

Reply to "What shall we do?"

1. Repent - change of mind involving a change of attitude toward - God - Christ - Sin, the World - & Self

Conviction of sin & repentance brings saving faith. 2:38b

1. Repent -

2. be baptized (proof)

Gave them 2 commands and one promise - Gift of Holy Spirit -

Note:

"For remission of sins"

One of the Greek construction is used to express the basis or ground of the action -

mett 10: 41-44

12: 41
This interpretation would read
"Be baptized because of the remission of sins"

Notes: Change of no. + person in the Greek Verbs.

"Repent ye" - 2nd person plural, a general command & call to the entire audience.
"Be baptized everyone of you" is 1st person singular - Better said
"Let each one of you be baptized"

Robertson insists "This change marks a break in thought that the English translation does not preserve"
Not all who hear the call will repent - but each one who does make a complete change of heart & life should then be baptized - as a witness to his transformation -

Promise of gift returns to
2nd person - plurally-
indicated that the
reception of the gift is
tied to repentance rather
than baptism.

Godly sorrow leadeth to
repentance.
Just being sorry not enough!

I The Holy Spirit Is a Gift

● We never struggle for a gift.
just yield to it.

One does not receive the Holy Spirit
by agonizing.

By faith he simply claims
the promise of the scripture,
accepts the gift, and
moves into the enjoyment of
it -

We received this wonderful
gift the moment we believed
Rom. 8: 9

2- The Holy Spirit Indwells The Believer - Rom 8: 11

The H S is not a transient -
He is not someone who
comes & goes. He dwells.
1 Cor. 6: 19 - 20.

When one buys a house he is
owner of it. He has a
right to dwell in it.

● But the Owner has a
right to do more than dwell
in it; he has a right to
remodel, refurbish,
& redecorate the place.
He is the Owner.

He comes to adorn & furnish
He adorns with the fruit
of the Spirit which is
love - joy - peace -
gentleness - goodness -
long-suffering - faith
meekness - self-control.
Gal 5: 22, 23

By these furnishings & adorn-
ments, are to be seen in
our lives - the old
furnishings of broken
chairs - swaying stoves -
broken beds - cheap
pictures - must be removed
out. There is not room
for both in the life of a
believer -

I thank the H S daily
for living in his body
cannot go down & take his
furniture apart. etc - etc.
Take into your body -
"Temple of the H S" -

3. The H.S. Seals the Believer -

Has a 2-fold aspect: Eph 4: 30

Soul & body — comforting
know God has sealed us for
His own - II Tim 2: 19

Eph. 1: 13, 14

Soul
Work of the H.S. takes place at the time
of believing - ~~sealed with the~~
~~H.S.~~ -

Eph. 4: 30 - applies to our seals
more than our doctrines.

Take Eph 1: 13, 14

Sealing took place after
believing.

ministry here - refers to ^{our} body

Acts 4:

" One definition

A jewel is a bit of ordinary earth that has passed through some extraordinary experience "

The apostles were jewels
Just ordinary men - fishermen -
They met Jesus Christ - forsook all
to follow Him. Their acknowledgment
of Him as Messiah & Saviour changed
their lives. They beheld Him in death,
saw Him after His resurrection.

They had been clothed with power
at Pentecost. They were
ordinary men with extraordinary
experience with God. This leads to
extraordinary ministries
for God.

Acts 4: 5, 6 = Rulers - general term to
indicate political & religious
leadership in Israel & world
include elders associated with
synagogue & its administration.

Scribes were guardians & custodians,
expounders of the word.

Annas was ex-high priest & father -
in-law of Caiaphas. who was the
present high priest. Annas still
wielded great influence.

John - or Jonathan was probably
a son of Alexander another relative of
Sanhedrin was meeting in
Jerusalem. This was the
Greater Sanhedrin - all the
W.I.P.s were present

This was the Supreme Court
in Israel - so one can imagine
the gravity of the case of the
apostles - first recorded opposition
to the Gospel

17 - Questioned -

They were looking for the
source of this power - they
maybe suspected they would
~~say to~~ use the name of
Jehovah God in a blasphemous
way & that would have
been a capital offense -
punishable by death -

1. 8, 9 What are evidences of
a spirit-filled life
Home! Office! Taxi Driver!
Teaching! preaching!

Acts 4: 12 -

I The Word Spread

- Persecution & Martyrdom often used by God to spread His Word - 4a
- to Equip God's Witnesses for dynammic ministry -

Persecution against Jerusalem Ch. - caused many Christians to scatter into all Judaea & Samaria - Stephen's death lighted a fiery zeal in the hearts of believers!

Saul was zealous in his persecution of the believers.
(Like Russia & other countries today)

Had persecution not flared up the Jerusalem Ch. might have been slow to move out to regions beyond.

God's love would have His people know that the tears & heartaches are for His glory & their good & to make the saints more useful for His purpose.

God By allowing persecution
of Church at Jerusalem
~~Christians~~ went everywhere
preaching, witnessing.
They were prepared and
placed where God wanted them.

The history of the Church
is filled with illustrations
of the fact that the
~~blood of the martyrs is~~
~~the seed of the Church.~~
Our own Baptist forefathers
preached from jail
windows where they had
been placed for preaching
Gospel of Christ in
early America,
Today trend

Th v. 5 Christ Preached

- a. Christ should be center of all Gospel Preaching

Philip was one of these dispersed by persecution of Saul -
Important because
turning point in extending
Gospel from Jew to Gentile
by way of mongers & despised
Samaritans

Philip the deacon -
and an evangelist.

Acts 8: 6, 8 Result of Christ Centered
Preaching?

Great crowds of semi-Jagan
Samaritans believed when
they heard Philip -
His miracles - healing
casting out demons.

No wonder rejoicing when
they were delivered from
Satan's grip

Philip was proclaiming the
Messiah - for whom the
Samaritans were looking
as well as the Jews.

Everything Philip preached
or did pointed to

Christ — The Source

Simon: — Counterfeiter 8: 9-11

He amazed, bewitched &
deceived the people &
misled them into believing
that he did what he did by
the power of God -

Attention of people fastened
upon what Simon did
rather than the source
of his power

8:12 Christ Centered preaching
may expect spiritual results.

Philip's preaching pointed people
to Christ - not to himself
(Contrast with Simon - who turned
people to himself) Apostolic
preaching was marked by
emphasis on the name
of Jesus

✓ 13: Simon joined the
believers & was baptized.
Peter with his spiritual
discernment saw into
the heart of Simon -

III Gospel Privilege Introduced

v. 14

why did Samaritans not
receive Holy Spirit moment they
believed? Latex-Peterhouse Cornelius

H.S. immediately fell on all
Alienation of Samaritans from
Jesus dated back to about 72/73

Missionary - Dr. T. J. Bash:

"

Power in prayer is not found principally in our words, but what we are in our hearts before God & man.

It is what we are that gives weight & value to what we do & say"

Also:

"Aty our public prayer meetings when the prayers become rather long & without definite petition definite thanksgiving, or definite confession, it would be well if we had Western Union rates for every word"

Early church was not heard because of its long prayer - rhetoric - posture - etc -

The early church

was right with God.

They were in fellowship with God and each other -

God answered prayer

G.T. Acts 4: 31

There was no manifestation of power
until they had prayed.
Having prayed they were filled &
they spoke with boldness -

After this order & we are in
spiritual difficulty -

Observe this order & ~~we~~ Be
Blessed!

v. 24. Beginning of organized
opposition to the Gospel.
First evidence of opposition
since Pentecost.

Invalued a decision of the
Supreme Court in Israel
thus making it official.

From now on it will
be the powers of this world
arrayed against the Christians
Satan vs Christ
Darkness vs Light

after hearing report: Prayed
Natural reaction of Christians to take
problems to Lord -

also Fellowship of witnessing
" Prayer

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a Witnessing Fellowship

Acts 4: 23 - 5: 11

Review:

4: 23 They went to their own company
God was using persecution in order
to draw a line of demarcation
between those of the new creation
& those who belong to the old
dispensation.

Sought out those who were washed
in the blood & had been baptized by the
Holy Spirit -

Praised The Lord -

One of 1st results of receiving the
Holy Spirit by early believers
was that the O. T. Scriptures
which had been largely sealed to
them before, were now opened
up in a very wonderful way,
& they had spiritual understanding
which was lacking - even when
they walked with Christ on earth.

"Rise from the dead?"

Res. Day - Emmanuel Road -

Leaders lost! 1. Jesus came to
them - began at Moses - explained
scriptures concerning himself
Explain Psa 2 - He had been
there all the time but they did

not know it referred to Jesus.
Holy Spirit revealed Christ to
them.

Psalm 2 =

~~Question: The Holy Spirit speaks~~

v. 1 & 2. Reads like this: v. 1 & 2

v. 3 "Voice of the Word" is heard -

Religious world - Political world - all classes

v. 4: Holy Spirit speaks -

v. 6: Jehovah speaks His Plans will be carried out.

v. 7-9 - Christ speaks

10-12 Holy Spirit speaks - classes with
a promise - "Blessed are
they that trust in Him"

The believers could look back now and
know that part of this Psalm was already
fulfilled in coming of Christ - his death
& resurrection - & they could trust Him
for the rest - The Holy Spirit reveals
Christ - the truths of Christ to us -

They prayed for boldness to preach -
the word - move the world

oppose us the more we are
to proclaim God's remedy for
sin - the Lord Jesus Christ. He &
the only one can save -

many miracles were wrought.
God gave miraculous signs to
authenticate the message in the
beginning. He does it sometimes
now. day of miracle not gone
but in the beginning He
wrought in His miraculous power,
so that men might know
that a new dispensation &
age had come.

"Child" or "son" is really servant
"Suffering Servant" in accordance
with Psa. 53. & other passages

Holy Spirit - "filled" them"
Baptized only once - may be
filled on many occasions -
These disciples were filled with
Holy Spirit and spoke with boldness -
Jno 17 - Christ prayed
for them - for us to be
one.

Not ecumenical no!
Not Communistic sharing
These gifts were a product
of great love.

When we surrender our sins
and believe we receive the
Holy Spirit

When we surrender our
lives & believe we are filled
with the Holy Spirit

at conversion the Spirit enters
at surrender the Spirit
already entered - takes full
possession

These disciples had surrendered
to thought for their safety
& comfort - They just wanted
Christ to be glorified.

They were filled & became
bold witnesses.

Stephen -
a man of faith

Acts 6:1 - 8:1

- Acts 6: See Satan's two master methods by which he has sought to hinder the progress of the work of God
1st half - see him trying to hinder by inward dissensions;

Other half - outward persecution.

- In Epistle to Philippians - Paul urges believers to go on together in the unity of the Spirit -
- tells them that as long as they work together in love & unity they need never be afraid of the attitude from without.

Even their enemies realize it is impossible to hinder those who stand together in Christian harmony.

- Opposite condition - Church becomes very weak when it faces a godless world.

Coming of Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Peters sermon at Pentecost

1. The first church mentioned } Acts 2: 42-47
in Acts -

2. The first apostolic miracle:
Same man healed - Acts 3:

Peters second sermon:

"The covenants will be fulfilled." Acts 3: 12-24

3. The first persecution - Acts 4: 1-4

4. The Second Persecution: .. 5: 17-

5. The first deacons - .. 6: 1-7

6. The third persecution .. 6: 8-15

7. The first martyr: .. 7: 54-60

8. First mention of Paul .. 7: 58

9. The fourth persecution .. 8: 1-3

10. "First missionaries .. 8: 4

11. Conversion of Paul .. 9: 1-

12. First called Christians .. 11: 26

at Antioch

(First Community Missions "Dorcas" Acts 9)

13 First instance in history - united fund
to send relief to another nation Acts 11: 29, 30
(First Foreign Mission Board)

Acts 12 concludes the first division of the story of the early days of Christianity.

Work was centered in Jerusalem and Judea & ministry was largely to Jewish people - the people of Israel.

When we turn to 13th Chapt we find ourselves in an altogether different atmosphere.

Antioch in Syria is center & work spreads largely among the Gentiles - Jews not neglected.

We have read that this was a transitional period - this transition was in the mind of man and not in the mind of God.

From the moment Christ died on the Cross the heart of God was seen as going out to the whole world, & when the Holy Spirit came on Pentecost. He empowered the 12 to speak many tongues that miracle of Babel, which divided the original tongue into many different languages might be undone, & the gospel go out to all the world.

12th Chapt. closing scene in Peters
Judean ministry - when we
open the next chapt - he recedes
into the background & Paul
becomes the leading figure.

Persecution had driven the
disciples out - scattered abroad
except the Apostles.

Herod Agrippa - (Grandson of
the Herod under whom the Lord
Jesus was born) - killed James
(brother of John). 12:1

3 Apostles - closely associated with our
Lord's earthly ministry. Peter James
& John. These 3 were with Lord -
at Transfiguration

Healer of Jairus - raised from dead -

Daughter of synagogue leader -

Garden of Gethsemane -

now one was to be taken away
by death - James the Great -
(James less son of Alphaeus)

Pleased Jesus - took Peter also.

~~Passover~~

Passover - in Spring one week -
Common - deliverance from Egypt.

Find God's people using the resource
which He has given His own in
every trial (12:5) Prayer was
made without ceasing —
What a privilege!

Some may say - "Why pray - does
not our gracious God know
what we need better than we do?"
He gives in answer to prayer.
Some things He will not give
apart from it - "Ye have not
because ye ask not"

Prayer is the resource of God's
needy people -

Last week Barnabas' sermon - He said
"Cleave unto the Lord" -
How? Bible study

seeking fellowship of God's people
and Prayer

no great results seen in life of
believers who do not pray -

Pray for ourselves and others -
while the Church was praying

For Peter - God was working
Although Peter had remained in
prison many days
Did they pray for Peter's release?
or just that he would have
grace to face his trial?

Anyway God gave them more than they expected Eph 3: 20

Chinese lady - Shass found 1 for Winona Lake - Charleston, So. Car.

Peter had come to his last night on earth - if Herod's judgement was to be carried out -

Sleeping between 2 soldiers - ^{bound with} chained 2 soldiers outside - 16 were assigned to watch him - guards changed at intervals -

What picture do you see here?

1. Peter's imprisonment may picture how all men are prisoners - Our souls were once in the prison house of sin - Lord in His Grace set us free -

Isa 61: 1

Psa 146: 7

2 - Peter's flight seemed hopeless from human standpoint - so is the sinner apart from God's Grace & power -

2 soldiers inside = Condemning Memory and guilty Conscience

Rom. 2: 15

2 - outside - enemies of soul without:

(A) World - its attractions & delusions

(B) Satan - his false religious deceptions

Every sinner is held prisoner by the
chains of his sins -

doors locked & barred - man's heart
tightly closed against appeal of
God's love -

Last night on earth for Peter. ?
God's opportunity - Many sinners
have been saved at last minute)

3. The Angel of the Lord Came -

Could it have been the Lord
himself?

In the hour of his death - he died
alone - forsaken - that he
might deliver millions from
not merely physical death as Peter -
but from eternal death of
everlasting doom.)

Light shined in the prison -
God's Word reveals man's lost
condition - God's Word
also shows forth His
wonderful love & saving
power -

4. Smote Peter on side
where heart is located -
etc - -
Yes Gospel of Grace of God appeals to heart
of man (not to his mind especially)
with the heart man believeth unto
righteousness -

We should have been smitten
but Jesus took it all for us.
He was pierced for us all -

5. He raised him up -
Death is gallanted by resurrection -
He was smitten but rose again
for our justification

Peter didn't say "I can't - chained etc"
He rose up -
"God's commands are God's enable-
ments" We die to live again for
him -

6. Chains fell off -
When kingdom obeys Gospel
power of sin broken -
free to walk to live
for God's Glory - Quickly
now is the accepted time

"Gird thyself" etc - V.

All now the angel has done it all -
Now Peter is told what his responsibility
is to be -

Told him to do 4 things -

1. Gird thyself. Eph 6: 14

Gird - truth - make up minds
walk lives that honor him, set minds
on things above - Phil 4:

2. "Bind on thy sandals"

Carry gospel to others -
shod in prep - peace -

3. "Put on thy garment"

Put on ^a garment of Christ that
will display the loveliness of Christ.
Rom 13: 14

4. "Follow Me"

Sum up whole thing -
He is our Captain now -
We follow him

8. Iron Gate opened of his own
accord - Magic of electric eye
not a new discovery - God
made first one -

9. Now I know - v. 11

Came to Christ first - Prodigal
son - came to himself when he came
to God in repentance -
"I know whom I have believed -
I know Him whom to know is
life eternal -

10 - v. 12 - Peter considered all that had
happened - made his decision
what to do next -
We find God's will - Word -
etc

11. v. 17 - Peter told whole story

I Sam. 13: 5-14

(Chapts. 13 - 14 - 15 -)

- Ch. 12 - Saul's rise
- Ch 13 - His demise - his fall.
- Ch 13 - His sinful impatience
- " 14 - His foolish zeal -
- " 15 - His hypocrisy.

The history of Saul's tragic career is given to us in a few verses:

I Sam. 9: 2

15: 17

13: 13, 14

15: 22, 23

31: 4, 5

What is important is not how
you begin the race of life but
how you end it.

Prov. 16: 2
God has given men the ability
to reason. It is a mixed
blessing. It can be rightly used
or wrongly used. In our
lesson we have an illustration
of wrong use in the life
of Saul.

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I Sam. 18:

Study - in Contracts - a King - Saul
a shepherd boy - David
One a failure - other a success
Why?
What does destroy a man or woman
a boy or girl? Lack of education?
economic advantages? Political
influence? No! Saul had more
than David in all of these
areas & still failed.

The vital difference between
these two was not these things
but the absence and presence
of the Lord.
God was with David - Departed from Saul
Without Him we are cut loose
from our moorings - tossed
about - slaves of every whim
& imagination as Saul was.

The Tyrant of Saul's life - ENVY
It can destroy the most influential
person -
"Every time you turn green with
envy you are ripe for trouble"

Envy begins with a look -
Breeding ground for many other
sins = DISCONTENT, Bitterness
Lust = Murder.

How tame this monster?

Prov. 16: 6 -

Don't entertain it for one
minute! Turn a deaf ear
to appeals to desire something
another person has.

Saul without God David with GOD

Pride	Side by side	Humility
Suspicion	for our	Trust
ENVY	↓	CONTENTMENT
Torment	↓	ASSURANCE
Hatred	↓	Love
Failure	↓	Success

Warming Meditation encouragement

Same God - same heavenly resources
at disposal of both but we see

↓
steadily sinking

↓
Tragedy

↓
Suicide

↓
steadily rising

↓
finishes in triumph

A Saul trusted David - v 5 Began good friend -

Since our last lesson 15 years have elapsed.

The Philistines were routed ch 14;
Amalekites defeated. ch 15.

David anointed king - unknown to Saul - ch 16;

David as a lad plays before Saul.

Ch 16: 17-23

David kills Goliath & Israel defeats the Philistines ch 17;

Jonathan falls in love = David -

18: 1-4

Ch 2: 1

David inquired of the Lord -
Hebron - anointed him King of
Judah. David refused to take
one step toward the throne of
Israel - except as God led him.
Kingdom overrun by Philistines -
for next 5 years - no settled gov.
among northern tribes - Would
have been natural for David to
have taken an army & gone
up to take what was right-
fully his. But he "waited
on the Lord." - He settled
among the villages - until the
men of Judah came &
turned him as King &
anointed him 2nd time -

David's Reign In Hebron -

7 yrs 6 mos - King in Hebron
over Judah - 30 yrs of
age - Sandwiched in
between 2 references to the
long years & ~~was~~ the
record of wives & children & home
life

what fighting was necessary
was left to Joab -

Abner - (Capt of Sauls Army)
finally started the move
to translate the kingdom
from the house of Saul
to the house of David -
Ch 3: 17-21

Abner killed treacherously
by Joab -
Buried honorably
Pleased people -

Ch 5: Tribes of Israel -
sent for David - Have
mess of David to "wait on him"
until the people chose him
God doesn't always know fast -
Philistines - watching -

Cave of Adullam -
His army wanted to
protect David & their king -
He took refuge in God -
Still was dependant upon
God - He who giveth
could as easily take away
your hour of triumph
Given by the Lord to be used
for His glory - Bright light
of popularity too strong
for development of
divine life

Salitude - Temptation -
Conflict - These are the
things that turn the divine
Colors into our Characters -
the blessings made available
for poor. Brokenhearted -
the prisoners - the blind -

near Cave Adullam - David
met Goliath while army
stood around waiting for
orders from a king whom
Saul had left -

15 years later scores of
men - inspired by David
faith - hide him in
Cave - saying let us take
the hunt right now -
Israel needed him -

"Oh for water of
Bethlehem" - Shepherds -
sheep - 3 stalwart men
risked lives to bring him
water -

DAVID... means "love of God" Great man
14 chapt. devoted to Abraham in the Bible,
11 to Jacob... but 62 to David. He was a
POET, MUSICIAN, FIVE STAR GENERAL, STATESMAN
ADMINISTRATOR, ENGINEER AND ABOVE ALL A D
DEEPLY RELIGIOUS MAN

God gives this testimony concerning David
after his death... "He kept my commandments,
followed me with all his heart to do that
which was right in mine eyes." I Kings 1r: 8
David's own statement... "I have set the Lord
always before me.. Psa. 16:8
No true lasting greatness without this...
David was successful because he had dedicated
submitted his life to God...

David's greatness:

1. Recognized by the people 5:1-5
2. Challenged by the Jebusites, 5:6-8
3. Established by the Lord of hosts
5: 9-12

CHARACTERISTICS OF A DEDICATED KING....

Man or woman.....

I His way and his work are determined by God
5: 1 - 3

Much has happened before this lesson....

"Then" of our lesson begins with the elders
of Israel coming to and inviting David
to be their king.. There was joy in Israel

Reasons for choice of David as king:

1. Same flesh and bone v 1
2. David had been a successful military
leader v 2
- e. Lord had chosen him to feed and to
lead v 3: 3:18

anointed king - I Sam. 13: 13,14

It is only now that God has fulfilled his promise. But not one word had failed. So He will keep His promises to us. He that believes shall not make haste. SUCCESS IS NOT USUALLY A SUDDEN THING. IT IS A MATTER OF TIME AND TRIAL.

II

He Triumphs Over His Foes... 5: 6-9

Jerusalem as the capital... because... (land

1. Location.. binding two tribes together ..
2. Military post... rocky plateau ...3 sides deep ravines...natural fortress of impregnable strength...

Jebusites... blind.. lame V..6,7

III He Enjoys the Presence of the Lord 5:10

We have been studying the life of David from the Word of God.. we have risen with him to the pinnacle of the great days in his life, days of victory but suddenly we are hurled down to an abyss....

Let us consider for a moment the relationship of this part of David's life to our own times. What saps the vitality of this country today? What undermines our national strength of character? What is the real menace to the power of the U.S? What brings shame upon the Christian church? What causes more heartbreak and sorrow than anything else in the world? IT IS THE SAME SIN OF WHICH DAVID WAS GUILTY.

Satan specializes in making sin popular; he says ^{infera} "Well, it doesn't really matter. That is what everyone does." The success of his strategy may be partly due to the fact that we have ceased to think about the horror of sin.....Until we are prepared to put the label "Sin" where God puts it .. taking not our own estimate of it, but God's... and until our hearts are broken and we are brought to acknowledge before Him that we have failed, there will be no breaking through of the power of God in victory and blessing.

If we learn about the awfullness of David's sin and leave it there, we have learned little just because we know it...but if we learn about the mercy of God, then we surely have learned something tremendous.

Remember David....Shepherd boy..kept the sheep despised by his family...strong athletic...leaped over a wall, outran a troop, killed a lion and a bear..Use of sling..killed a giant...handsome... musician, poet..spiritual leader... THE LORD WAS HIS SHEPHERD, DAVID DECLARED, AND HE WAS COMPLETELY DEDICATED TO HIS DUTY IN THE LORD'S WILL.....

This matter of Bathsheba was simply the climax of something that had been going on in his life for 20 years.... "David took him more concubines and wives (many of them) out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron." Direct violation of God's command. Deut. 17: There were THREE things from which he was to abstain.....

WHY? did God make those three rules for a king? Price to pay for leadership - such a man cannot afford to live as near as he dare to that which is wrong. Sometimes.... LONELINESS... MISUNDERSTOOD ... HAVING FEW FRIENDS.

Twenty years before David saw Bathsheba, he had sown the seeds of fleshly indulgence... see here in II Sam. 11 how this particular incident began...

"David tarried still at Jerusalem...." 11:1 while his faithful commander was in the thick of battle... Idleness.... *Not out there fighting*

Scripture
Entire blame on David..... Does not implicate Bathsheba.... Before the king she was obliged to yield.... lead to MURDER.... LIES....

11:27
ALL WAS KNOWN TO GOD.... Nathan, the prophet... *Story*

THOU ART THE MAN.....

DAVID WHO HAD BEEN TENDER TOWARD PEOPLE...

BECAME HARSH toward other people....

THOU ART THE MAN.....

DAVID'S ONLY ANSWER TO God was PSALM 51*****

reveals the sob of a man whose heart has been broken....

"The Lord also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.." II Sam 12:13....

"HOWBEIT....." II SAM. 11: 14... He had to take the consequences of sin.. restores His repentant child to fellowship, but sometimes a man has to drink the bitter cup...

God will forgive a man who weakens his body thru misuse - overwork - or poor nutrition - but he may have to live weak body -

God forgives a man - drinks - smokes - but he may have to live with cirrhosis of the liver - or lung cancer & result of indulgence -

II Sam. 12: 10 and 13

David began to reap what he had sown..His house disintegrated and he seemed powerless to do anything about it... of course he was!

His kingdom was in danger of collapse because of his breakdown...Gal. 6: 7...God forgave... When a man is cleansed by the blood of Jesus... surely his sin is wiped out and the consequences of it vanish??????

God does not ignore sin - even if we & society do -
Each of us is either under the judgment of sin which God has never forgiven, or we are suffering from the chastisement of our heavenly Father because of sin which He has forgiven."....

That which happened in David's home during these years was NOT in spite of the fact that God had forgiven him, but because God had forgiven him. A forgiven sinner sometimes has to drink very deeply of the well which his sin has tapped. We live in a day when people want cheap forgiveness. THE CHASTENING HAND OF A LOVING HEAVENLY FATHER IS A VERY DIFFERENT THING FROM THE JUDGING HAND OF A HOLY GOD.

God regards sin so seriously that it took nothing less than the life blood of his son, Jesus Christ, to make complete & final atonement for it -

David's sin was tragic but his repentance & confession were noble -

Psalm 51 -